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Kewell in World Cup injury doubt

Galatasaray forward Harry Kewell has emerged as an injury doubt for the FIFA World Cup just days before Australia coach Pim Verbeek names his preliminary squad. Kewell is reported to have re-injured the groin which he had surgery on in January and is set to miss Gala's final two games of the Turkish season.

The 31-year-old former Leeds and Liverpool man had only just returned after four months on the sidelines, but just two days after his comeback broke down again - casting a major doubt over his participation in South Africa.

"Right now, I think it's going to be very difficult," said Galatasaray assistant coach Johan Neeskens.

"Stage by stage he got better but then he fell back again. He chose to stop training and take treatment. But sometimes after three or four days, if he stops treatment and starts training again, it comes back again. He started again with the team a week ago but now in the second week he got some pain and didn't feel comfortable. On Tuesday, he stopped again and couldn't continue the work because it's too painful. I don't know if he really is going to make the World Cup at this rate. First of all it's up to himself and the doctors in Australia. If he cannot participate, it's a big loss for Australia."

Verbeek will name a 30-man preliminary squad on Tuesday with a final 23-man group to be revealed on 1 June. Kewell is expected to be included in the initial party, but his latest injury setback may mean Verbeek will have to leave him out of the final squad.

Australia have been drawn in Group

D alongside Germany, Serbia and Ghana and will step up preparations against New Zealand in Melbourne on 24 May. Verbeek's side will also face Denmark and the United States in Roodepoort at the start of June before their FIFA World Cup opener against Germany in Durban on 13 June.

In other World Cup news, England legend Alan Shearer is convinced Wayne Rooney will carry the burden of FIFA World Cup expectancy being heaped on his shoulders.

As a former Three Lions sharp-shooter himself, Shearer knows exactly what pressures Rooney is likely to be under in South Africa this summer as England try to lift the greatest prize in the game for the first time since 1966. Shearer never seemed to have a problem and, having spoken to the prolific Manchester United man, he has no doubt Rooney will cope with ease.

"A hell of a lot is on his shoulders but he can carry the burden. When you have done it for the biggest club in the world for the past 12 months, England will not be a problem," said Shearer. "In fact he is relishing it. The more pressure that is heaped on him, the more he enjoys his football."

Any team that wins a major tournament needs luck, but if all our players are fit and playing well, England have a very good chance. "Rooney has been awesome. He has had a magnificent season," he said. "He is in the top three in the world without a doubt. a forward, goals can hide a poor performance. He has scored and played very well."



Harry Kewell's fitness will be at the forefront of Pim Verbeek's mind.

Gold Coast assures HAL place

Football Federation Australia (FFA) and Gold Coast United (GCU) ended speculation by confirming GCU's participation in the 2010/11 Hyundai A-League season.

FFA has been informed by GCU owner Clive Palmer in writing of the Club's ongoing participation in the Hyundai A-League.

FFA CEO Ben Buckley welcomed the confirmation and the stability it will bring to the competition.

"I am delighted that we are able to end any speculation and continue our planning for the sixth season of the Hyundai A-League season with 11 teams in the competition," Buckley said.

"With a brand new club there are always challenges but Gold Coast United and FFA have been working constructively to build a solid football platform on the Gold Coast for the future.

"Gold Coast United will continue to be a competitive team in the Hyundai A-League and we will work with them to develop further community and sponsorship support and build on the achievements of the first year.

"With the recent turnaround in North Queensland, the commitment from Gold Coast United will see us continue to strengthen the football footprint in Queensland."

Football Federation Australia will announce the Qantas Socceroos squad that will travel to the 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa at the Sydney Jet Base, Hangar 96 on Tuesday 11 May.

Football Federation Australia CEO Mr. Ben Buckley, Qantas CEO Mr. Alan Joyce and Qantas Socceroos Head Coach Mr. Pim Verbeek will be in attendance.

Knights Champions Come Home

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Knights' milestone NSL back to back Championship achievements and a weekend of reunion festivities has been planned.

The reunion weekend kicks off on Saturday 15th May with a Gala night at the Australian Croatian Association.

Long time supporter of the game and media identity Andy Paschalidis will act as Master of Ceremonies for the evening, hosting both of the Championship sides. Creative midfielder, Danny Tiatto is excited about the event, "I'm most looking forward to catching up with all of the boys and doing what we used to do best back in the day and that is drinking and having fun. We're a rowdy bunch and it's just great that we've got this chance." "It'll be great to see them all again," agrees championship goal keeper Frank Juric, "I can't wait to catch up and see how much weight they've all put on" he added jokingly. "

Everyone is looking forward to the reunion. I spoke to Simo (Josip Šimunic) last week and he's really disappointed that he's missing out on the event." (Josip is playing for the Croatia in a friendly against Austria) "It was a very

special team, those 18-20 boys, we were all good friends on and off the park. You don't find that too often," remembers Juric.

Knights President, Ange Cimera, agrees that there is a definite buzz amongst the players, "All of the players we've spoken to didn't hesitate to get involved and they've donated some great memorabilia for our silent auction at the Gala. I've spoken to and met up with Mark (Viduka) on a number of occasions and he'll definitely be there. He's really looking forward to it."

The Sunday will not only see the current Melbourne Knights take on local rivals Green Gully, it will also become a stage for the Melbourne Knights Championship showdown, with the 1994/95 team facing off against the 1995/96 team, which is sure to be an entertaining affair.

Standard VPL entry cost covers all of the day's entertainment. Cimera has high hopes for the reunion, "It would be great to see all of the Knights fans who crowded Tullamarine Airport and invaded the pitch at Olympic Park turn up to show their support not only for the Champions but also for the current revitalised Knights team."

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Johnny Warren display opens at National Museum

As Australia gears up to compete at the 2010 FIFA World Cup, the National Museum of Australia is looking back on Australia's football past.

'I told you so'. Johnny Warren and Football in Australia is a free exhibition opening at the National Museum in Canberra on 15 May.

Johnny Warren was a captain, coach, commentator and champion of football (soccer) in Australia. Warren was in the team that took Australia to its first FIFA World Cup in 1974. In the 50 years that Warren was associated with the game, it evolved into a mainstream, international sport.

Ross Warren, Johnny's older brother, will launch the exhibition on Saturday 15 May and said: "When we started playing football in the 1940s, it was derided as a game for 'sheilas, wogs and poofters'. However it was English immigrants who first promoted the game in Australia from around 1880."

Many other things have changed in football today. The introduction of the A-league competition has brought a new professionalism and organisation to the game in Australia. Football is returning to its roots and taking to the streets with homeless people playing street soccer. Women's football is one the fastest growing sports in the world and Indigenous kids are developing a love for the sport.

Thanks to a generous donation by the

Warren family, the National Museum is the proud custodian, for all Australians, of the Johnny Warren Collection, which includes the FIFA Centennial Order of Merit awarded to Johnny Warren just months before his death in 2004. The display includes the shirt worn at the 1974 FIFA World Cup by Harry Williams, the first Indigenous person to represent Australia in football.

Football is now part of Australia's national sporting identity. As Johnny Warren once said: "I told you so."

'I told you so'. Johnny Warren and Football in Australia is on display from 15 May – 9 August 2010.



Johnny Warren

Fury narrows coach search

THE North Queensland Fury's worldwide search for a head coach has reached the final stages, with the selection panel narrowing the field to four highly credentialed coaches who have proven track records on the international stage.

The Fury coaching selection panel met in Townsville last week and again at the weekend to review the applications, and will this week interview those applicants who have made the shortlist.

North Queensland Fury Interim CEO Archie Fraser said: "The quality of the applications we received was outstanding and candidates came in from all over the world.

"More than 40 applications were seriously considered by the selection panel and of these, 12 applicants held a Pro License coaching qualification.

"We intensively reviewed every application and have come up with a shortlist many international football clubs would envy.

"The four shortlisted applicants have the highest credentials, including a Pro License or equivalent, and have outstanding proven track records at an international level.

"We are at the crucial stage of the selection process. The people of North Queensland and our supporters will be delighted with the calibre of the four coaches we are interviewing. We only want the best in the business coming to lead the new Fury."

Sash replaces Blazevski

Altona Magic has appointed former player Sash Becvinovski as the senior coach after parting with Dragan Blazevski during the week.

Altona have won just the one match so far this season, and have had four draws and four losses.

A star footballer in his own right, Becvinovski brings a wealth of experience as a player to the role and is excited about taking on this challenge.

"This year I was playing for Pascoe Vale, but I'm 38 years old and this would have been my last year," Becvinovski said.

Becvinovski said he always wanted to progress to coaching after he finished playing, and had applied for this role at the start of the year.

"It's something I've always wanted to do, and it's a great opportunity."

Despite the mass exodus of players at the beginning of the year, and the growing list of injuries and suspensions the club has endured so far this season, Becvinovski believes Altona have been unlucky not to win more games.

"I want to help the club; I've spent 10 years at Altona Magic, through the good times and bad."

Becvinovski said his main goal was to inject some positivity back in the team.

"We're in unfamiliar territory at the moment, the past few years the club has been vying for the top two spots on the ladder.

It's a new group, with young players, we still have a few injuries and suspensions, there are players I'd like to have on the park, but we've still got a good young team to work with."

Pompey coach to visit Oz

David Coles -The Portsmouth FC goalkeeper coach (Fresh from his appearance at the 2010 FA CUP) will be in Melbourne for a series of CLINICS and PRIVATE sessions. David will be here from the 3rd June to 14th June.

Opportunities are available for:
Clinics – Latrobe Uni - Sat 5th, Sun 6th, Sat12th, Sun 13th & Mon 14th June.
- 3 x 2 hour sessions each day / Max 6 in group
- Geelong & Ballaraat – Dates and times

TBC - 2 hour sessions / Max 6 in group
Schools - Times available for 90mins sessions at schools

Clubs - Times available for 90mins sessions at clubs

Private Sessions - Times are available for Private sessions with David - 2 Hours / Max 2 in a group.

For more information or to book an opportunity with David Coles - Please call Roy Hunter on 0424 058 147.

South's Singapore silverware sling

South Melbourne FC was one of four foreign clubs to be included in the draw for this year's RHB Singapore Cup along with the 12 Singapore League teams.

The Draw was the main feature of a glittering ceremony which took place at 2pm Saturday May 1 (Singapore time) to launch this year's Cup. SMFC was drawn against leading Singapore club, Gombak United, currently lying fourth on their league table. The date for the first round match has not yet been announced but is likely to be on May 26 or 27. If South gets through, it will play in the quarter finals in late September. The semi finals are scheduled for late October and the final for November 14.

The Football Association Singapore General Secretary, Winston Lee, said "we are delighted to welcome South Melbourne FC into the RHB Singapore Cup. They are one of the most successful teams in Australian football with a long and illustrious history. Their participation will add to the excitement and anticipation of football fans here in Singapore as well in Melbourne".

South Melbourne FC Chairman, Nick Galatas, told Singapore media that "South Melbourne FC is excited to be a part of this year's RHB Singapore Cup. It is a fantastic tournament with a growing reputation which includes some of

the top clubs in the region. We look forward to our first match against Gombak United".

Daniel Malacchini, based in Singapore and currently a Commercial Development Officer with the Club, represented the club at the Draw ceremony. Daniel was interviewed by Singapore TV and numerous members of the press signifying the intense interest in South's participation by Singapore football fans.

Earlier South had secured the consent of Football Federation Victoria and Football Federation Australia to be Australia's representative at the Singapore Cup. FFA wished both the FAS and SMFC all the best for a successful tournament.

The other three foreign teams taking part this year are:

- * Kitchee SC, who are one of the oldest and leading club sides in Hong Kong
- * Bangkok Glass FC, which are one of the top clubs in Thailand, and among the title favourites in the Thai Premier League
- * Phnom Penh Crown FC, which is one of the strongest clubs in Cambodia

The club will be making further announcements shortly about travel plans and tour packages available for its Singapore campaign. It will be looking for

as much support as it can from its fans as it again seeks to proudly represent Australian football overseas.

Vale Antonis Karagiannis The entire South Melbourne FC family would like to extend its deepest condolences and wishes to the Karagiannis family on the passing of former South Melbourne FC player Antonis Karagiannis, who sadly passed away last Sunday.

Karagiannis was a foundation player for South Melbourne FC and represented the club for two seasons from 1960-61. In 1960, he played an integral role in the club's promotion from Metropolitan Division 1 North (now State League 1) into the Victorian State League (now the VPL). In 1961, Karagiannis scored 15 goals for South in the Victorian State League and finished as the club's leading goal scorer for that season. In recognition of his efforts in the club's early years of existence, Karagiannis was inducted into the SMFC Hall of Fame at the 50th Year Anniversary Gala Ball at the Crown Palladium last year.

South Melbourne FC President Leo Athanasakis, speaking to smfc.com.au, remarked that "it is sad to see the passing of one of the individuals who were part of the Club in its formative years. We



South Melbourne's Seb Petrovic and Fernando De Moraes, seen here in action against Hume City recently, will shortly contest in the Singapore Cup.

would like to extend our best wishes and condolences to the Karagiannis family."

As a mark of respect at Mr Karagiannis' passing, South Melbourne FC play-

ers wore black armbands for Saturday's match against Oakleigh. In addition, a minute's silence was held prior to the match commencing.

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Copa prepares for quarter finals



The schedule for the Copa Libertadores quarterfinals was set with Mexican club Guadalajara Chivas playing at home next Tuesday against Libertad of Paraguay.

On Wednesday, Cruzeiro is home against fellow Brazilian club Sao Paulo, and Flamengo hosts Chilean club Universidad de Chile. The last quarterfinal is on Thursday with defending champion Estudiantes of Argentina playing at Brazil side Internacional from Porto Alegre.

The return legs are the following week. On May 18, it's Chivas at Libertad, on May 19, Sao Paulo hosts Cruzeiro and Flamengo plays at Universidad de Chile and on May 20, Estudiantes are home to Internacional.

Ronaldo and Roberto Carlos were dumped out of the Copa Libertadores on Wednesday despite Corinthians' 2-1 win over fellow-Brazilian club Flamengo. Flamengo reaches the quarterfinals by virtue of away goals after winning the first leg of its tie with Corinthians 1-0 at home.

Also advancing to the final eight Wednesday are defending champion Estudiantes of Argentina, which beat Mexico's San Luis 3-1, and Cruzeiro of Brazil, which cruised past Uruguay's Nacional 3-0. Estudiantes, Flamengo and Cruzeiro join Brazil's Sao Paulo and Chivas of Mexico in the quarterfinals.

Sao Paulo-based Corinthians took the lead in the 28th minute when Flamengo defender David conceded an own-goal. Ronaldo made the score 2-0 with a 38th-minute strike - a result that would have put Corinthians through. However, Brazil international Wagner Love scored a crucial away goal in the 50th minute to swing the tie in Flamengo's favor.

Flamengo goalkeeper Bruno produced a diving, finger-tip save to keep out Chicão's stoppage-time free kick and seal the Rio club's win. Ronaldo and Carlos joined Corinthians with the express intention of winning the Copa Libertadores, the only trophy to have eluded the club in its 100-year history. Flamengo is the best supported team in Brazil, just ahead of Corinthians. The Rio club, spearheaded by Brazil internationals Love and Adriano, will be among the favorites to lift the trophy.

Elsewhere, Leandro Gonzalez scored the opening goal in the fifth minute before Leandro Benitez added two more in the second half against San Luis to cap Estudiantes' 1-0 win in the first leg at Mexico. Diego De La Torre scored the lone goal for San Luis in the eighth minute. Gonzalez scored with a close-range strike at the back post following a free kick from captain Juan Sebastian Veron.

De La Torre arrived late in the box to finish a cutback from Cesar González three minutes later, but Estudiantes sealed the win after the break. Benitez scored his first goal five minutes into the second half and struck his second with the outside of his left foot after another Veron free kick in the 55th minute.

Cruzeiro completed a comfortable aggregate victory over Nacional with goals from Thiago Ribeiro and Diego Renon after winning 3-1 at home in the first leg. Ribeiro scored direct from a free kick curled over the wall and into the top corner in the 30th minute, while Renon cut inside and fired a low shot under the goalkeeper from the edge of the box in the 48th.

Cruzeiro's Leonardo Silva and Nacional's Sebastian Coates were both sent off following a scuffle in the box in the 53rd minute and Nacional went down to nine men when Gustavo Varela received a red card in the 70th. Gilberto added a third goal for Cruzeiro with a left-footed strike in the 81st minute.



ARGENTINA
Estudiantes de La Plata took another step toward winning the Argentine Clausura championship with a 2-1 victory over Chacarita Juniors on

Sunday. Second-place Argentinos Juniors kept up the chase, coming from behind to beat San Lorenzo 2-1, while Independiente's title hopes diminished with a 3-2 home loss to Boca Juniors.

Banfield had a 1-0 win against Huracán and Colón de Santa Fe drew 0-0 with relegated Atletico Tucumán in the day's other games. With two matches to play, Estudiantes lead with 36 points, ahead of Argentinos on 35, and Godoy Cruz and Independiente on 31. In a match that had to be stopped twice because of crowd trouble, Omar Zarif gave Chacarita the lead against Estudiantes with a right-footed drive from 25 meters in the 21st minute.

Estudiantes knuckled down and earned a penalty when Gaston Fernandez's shot was judged to have struck Lisandro Lopez on the hand. Replays suggested the contact was unintentional, but the linesman flagged and referee Diego Abal awarded a penalty and sent off Lopez. Mauro Boselli, the league's top scorer, leveled the score with his 10th goal of the season from the 31st minute spot kick. Cristian Cellay rose to head in a corner five minutes later to secure all three points for Estudiantes.



BRAZIL
Santos clinched the Sao Paulo state championship despite losing 3-2 to Santo Andre after having three players ejected on Sunday. The two-legged series finished 5-5 on aggregate but Santos claimed overall victory because it had the better campaign of the two sides in the first stage. It won last week's first leg 3-2.

Santos held on to win its 18th state title despite having players sent off in the 23rd, 37th and 82nd minutes. Santo Andre, seeking its first state title, also had a man ejected in the 23rd. It nearly came away victorious at the end but Branquinho's 90th-minute shot from close range struck the post.

"After the great campaign we had all year long, we saw the title slipping away there at the end," Santos coach Dorival Junior said. "I'm very glad we ended getting the trophy despite all the difficulties." It is Santos' first state title since 2007. Corinthians, the previous champion in a final against Santos, is the most successful team in the state with 26 championships, followed by Palmeiras, Sao Paulo and Santos.

The trophy came as a reward for the hottest team in Brazilian football this year, a team which scored 100 goals in 30 matches, including 63 in its last 14. "It would be a disrespect to football if we had lost this title," Junior said. "It would have been a shame if we didn't win it after all we have done so far this year."

Led by Robinho, Neymar and Paulo Henrique Ganso, the team made famous by Pelé in the 1960s enchanted with offensive football and attracted the attention of fans from around the country. But it was Santo Andre, a small club from the outskirts of Sao Paulo, which jumped ahead in Sunday's final in front of more than 36,000 fans at Pacaembu stadium. Striker Nunes found the net less than a minute into the match, completing a right-flank cross by defender Cicinho.

Neymar equalized in a remarkable play in the seventh, taking advantage of a back-heel pass by Robinho and getting past two defenders inside the area before striking the net from near the penalty spot. Midfielder Ale put Santo Andre ahead again in the 14th with a header off a corner, but Neymar equalized again in the 31st after an impressive behind-the-leg pass by Ganso. Robinho also participated in the play, setting up Ganso's pass.

The 18-year-old Neymar had played only the first half in last Sunday's match because of an eye injury that left him hospitalized for a day. Midfielder Branquinho scored again for Santo Andre from inside the area in the 43rd. He almost got his team the goal it needed at the end, but his shot off from close range beat goalkeeper Felipe but not the post. Santo Andre also had a goal wrongly disallowed for offside in the first



Led by Robinho, Neymar and Paulo Henrique Ganso Santos won its 18th state Brazilian title.

half.

"To win a championship you also need to be lucky," Robinho said. "That's what happened today, but at the end we deserved it." Santos left back Leo was sent off in the 23rd after an altercation with Nunes, who also was red carded. Santos also had midfielder Marquinho sent off in the 37th because of a hard foul from behind on a Santo Andre striker. Santos' midfielder Roberto Brum then was red carded in the 82nd after a foul to stop a breakaway.

"We had to fight hard the entire match because of the dismissals," Ganso said. "We deserved to win it from the very beginning, but it wasn't easy." Santos came into the two-match final as the favorite after dominating the competition from the beginning, finishing the first stage 10 points ahead of second-place Santo Andre, whose most significant title is the 2004 Brazilian Cup. Former Brazil and Barcelona midfielder Giovanni was on the bench for Santos in Sunday's final.

The Brazilian league starts in two weeks and the state championships are being played across the country. The most traditional tournaments are played in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, which was won by Botafogo two weeks ago.

Atletico Mineiro beat Ipatinga to win the Minas Gerais state championship, while Gremio clinched the trophy in the Rio Grande do Sul state.



URUGUAY
Uruguayan Clausura title winners Peñarol finished the tournament unbeaten at the weekend having dropped only two points in 15 matches. Peñarol, who had already clinched the Clausura title with three games to spare, finished the championship unbeaten with 14 wins and one draw, a record since the season was divided into two separate tournaments.

They had to come from behind twice to win their last match 3-2 against Atenas with a last-gasp goal by tireless midfielder Egidio Arévalo to top the table with 43 points, 14 ahead of joint second Cerro and Fenix. Peñarol will meet fierce arch-rivals Nacional, the Apertura winners in the first half of the season who ended the Clausura with 27 points in fourth place, in the final to decide the overall champions.



MEXICO
Defending champion Monterrey was ousted from the quarterfinals of the Mexican Clausura tournament on Saturday after losing 2-1 to Pachuca. Pachuca won the first leg 1-0 last weekend to advance to the semifinals on a 3-1 aggregate.

Osvaldo Martínez gave Monterrey a 1-0 lead in the 32nd minute, but Pachuca ral-

lied with goals by Edy Brambila in the 47th and Luis Montes in the 87th. Montes came on as a substitute in the 76th.

Monterrey had the best regular season record, but failed to rally in its home match on Saturday. Monterrey had a chance to take a 2-1 lead in the 57th, but Martínez was stopped on a penalty. Neri Cardozo also missed a clear chance for Monterrey in the 68th.

Pachuca missed two late chances by Edgar Benítez and Damian Alvarez. Guadalajara Chivas faced Morelia in a quarterfinal later Saturday. Two second-leg quarterfinals are set for Sunday: Toluca vs. America and Pumas vs. Santos.

In the two-leg quarterfinal playoffs, Santos defeated Pumas 2-0 on Sunday and America and Toluca drew 2-2. On Saturday, Morelia rallied to win 4-2 against 10-man Chivas, while Pachuca beat defending champion Monterrey 1-0. The second legs are next weekend. Morelia, Santos Laguna and Pachuca won their first legs of the Mexican Clausura quarter-finals while Toluca drew 2-2 away to America.

Morelia, Santos Laguna, Pachuca and Toluca took a step towards the Clausura semi-finals by taking the upper hand in their last-eight ties after the first legs. Toluca drew 2-2 away to America at the Azteca in Mexico City where all the goals were scored inside the opening half hour. They then hung on with 10 men after defender Diego Novaretti was sent off in the 34th minute.

The "Monarchs" of Morelia beat 10-man title favorites Guadalajara 4-2 after the "Chivas" had forward Omar Arellano sent off four minutes before the interval. Guadalajara will be looking to pick themselves up when they face Argentina's Velez Sarsfield with a 3-0 lead in the second leg of their Libertadores Cup last-16 tie in Buenos Aires on Tuesday. Santos Laguna beat Pumas UNAM 2-0 and Pachuca won 1-0 against Apertura winners Monterrey last week.



PERU
San Martin crushed Alianza Atletico 4-0 with a hat-trick from Argentine striker Hebert Arriola to open a three-point lead in the standings. Second-placed Cesar Vallejo let slip a two-goal advantage and were held 2-2 way to Melgar.



BOLIVIA
The Strongest beat Blooming 2-1 at home in La Paz and caught San Jose, who lost 2-1 away to Aurora in Cochabamba, at the top of Group A.

Bolívar's lead in Group B was cut to three points when they lost 3-1 away to Oriente Petrolero, whose striker Jorge Ramirez scored a hat-trick.



ECUADOR
Leaders Barcelona were held 0-0 by El Nacional, whose forward Edison Preciado missed a 15th-minute penalty, in the match between Ecuador's two most titled teams.

LDU Quito climbed to within one point of Barcelona after a 2-0 win over Deportivo Cuenca with two goals from midfielder Edison Mendez.



CHILE
Champions Colo Colo beat Santiago Morning 2-0 in their first match under their Argentine coach Diego Cagna and lead the table with 29 points, one ahead of arch-rivals Universidad de Chile, who crushed San Luis de Quillota 4-0 thinking on the return leg of their Copa Libertadores quarter final mid-week.



COLOMBIA
The top-of-the-table clash between Tolima and title holders Independiente Medellín ended 1-1, allowing Santa Fe to edge within one point of the leaders with a 2-1 win over Once Caldas.

With two matches to go to the knockout phase, Tolima have 31 points, Medellín and Santa Fe 30 and Atletico Junior, who beat Cortuluá 3-2.



PARAGUAY
Cerro Porteno's lead was cut to two points as they were held 0-0 by arch-rivals Olimpia in the Asuncion derby at the Defensores del Chaco national stadium. Second-placed Guarani beat 3 de Febrero 2-1, their fifth win in a row.



VENEZUELA
Caracas FC beat Zamora 4-0 to go four points clear in the Clausura with two matches to go. They have 33 points and second-placed Deportivo Italia 29 after beating Aragua 2-0.

Apertura winners Deportivo Táchira cannot retain the title after a 0-0 draw with 10-man Trujillanos left them seven points behind the leaders. Home side Trujillanos had midfielder Robert Armua sent off after 24 minutes.



Uruguayan Clausura title winners Peñarol finished the tournament unbeaten at the weekend having dropped only two points in 15 matches

Bayern crowned German champs

GERMANY
Bayern Muenchen clinched its 22nd Bundesliga title thanks to a 3-1 defeat away to Hertha Berlin on Friday. The win put the Champions League finalists five points clear and in an unassailable position as second placed Schalke only managed a 0-0 draw to Mainz.

Ivica Olic opened the scoring in the 20th minute, but Hertha equalised through Adrian Ramos on the hour mark. However, a late Arjen Robben double in the 74th and 87th saw Bayern take the three points and the honours.

In other matches Werder Bremen drew 1-1 with Hamburger and lost touch with any chance to take the title from leaders Bayern. Hannover defeated Bochum 3-0, Freiburg defeated Borussia Dortmund 3-1, Stuttgart saw out a 1-1 draw with Hoffenheim, Bayer Leverkusen drew with Monchengladbach 1-1, and Wolfsburg were too good for Eintracht Frankfurt, winning 3-1.

The German press was also abuzz over the weekend with reports that former England coach Steve McClaren is set to coach Wolfsburg next year, fresh after leading FC Twente to the Dutch championship. Wolfsburg is a big club and backed by Volkswagen, and hope that if they secure the services of McClaren he can revive their fortunes.

ENGLAND
This week will see out the final ten games of the English Premier League season and will not only see the intense tussle between the top two teams, Chelsea and Manchester United come to an end, but it will also be the last week in the Premier League for Hull City, Burnley and Portsmouth, along with other promotions and relegations between the divisions.

Portsmouth's Premier league campaign was declared over in April after they were deducted nine points in March for entering administration in February. However, the relegation battle for the other two Premier League teams was finalised last week, where Hull City were confirmed relegated with a 2-2 draw against Wigan last Monday after two seasons in the top flight.

Burnley's Premier League ambitions came to an agonisingly short end after a solitary season in the Premier League, which did see them defeat title holders, Manchester United 1-0. Their fate was sealed with two games to play, after an up and down season which did see them at times in the top half of the table.

However, with relegation comes promotion, and the top two teams that have been immediately promoted from the Championship are Newcastle United and West Bromwich Albion. Both teams spent a single season in the Coca-Cola Championship after relegation from the Premier League last season. Newcastle finish atop the Championship table with 102 points and West Brom finish second with 91 points, with the third spot to be decided in the playoffs between Nottingham Forest, Cardiff City, Leicester City and Blackpool. One semi-final leg of which has already been played, Blackpool defeated Nottingham



Bayern captain Mark van Bommel lifts the Bundesliga shield to the joy of both team-mates and fans.

ham 2-1 at home on Friday and Leicester hosts Cardiff this week. The winners will face off in a final at Wembley Stadium to decide the third spot for Premier League promotion.

Coca-Cola League One, abiding by the same playoff system sees Norwich City and ex-Premier League powerhouses Leeds United edge their way back to the top flight by moving into the Championship. Millwall, Charlton Athletic, Swindon Town and Huddersfield will all play off for the third promotion spot to the Championship. The four teams relegated to League Two include Gillingham, Wycombe, Southend and Stockport.

In the Coca-Cola League Two division Notts County, Bournemouth and Rochdale replace the relegated teams in League One, with the fourth spot being played off between fourth to seventh finishers Morecambe, Rotherham, Aldershot Town and Dagenham & Redbridge. Those relegated to the Blue-Square Premier include Grimsby Town and Darlington. Grimsby's relegation to the conference ends a 99-year run in the Football League.

With all the ambitions and disappointment and relegation, the top flight still continues this week where the tussle for the title will come to an end. Chelsea will host Wigan at Stamford Bridge whilst Manchester United will play Stoke City, also at home and with a point the difference between the two powerhouses. Manchester must win and hope Chelsea gets no more than a point from their match to win their fourth title in a row. If Chelsea defeats Wigan – who they lost 3-1 to in their last meet – they seal their first title since 2006, regardless of Manchester United's result.

SPAIN:
The La Liga title ambitions of Barcelona were put on hold for another week, as Real Madrid romped to a 5-1 home win over Athletic Bilbao at the Bernabeu on Saturday night. El Clasico rival Barcelona also won on the night, 3-2 away to Sevilla, and could have clinched the title if not for Real's win. A four goal second half for Madrid saw out the win, with

all singular scorers, whereas Barca had to overcome a spirited Sevilla fight-back.

Athletic Bilbao defender Fernando Amorebeita was given his marching orders 20 minutes in after a hand-ball in the penalty area off a Gonzalo Higuain shot. Madrid's multi-million dollar man, Cristiano Ronaldo stepped up and slotted the penalty into the bottom left, past the keeper. However, the sides went into the break 1-1 thanks to a fantastic solo goal in the 41st from Francisco Yeste, who dodged five of the real defence and put the ball past Iker Casillas.

Bilbao held out for most of the second half, but went to sleep in the last half hour as four different Madrid players found the back of the net. Higuain headed in on the 73rd off a scrambled corner followed by solo run from right-back Sergio Ramos in the 80th. Ramos through-balled to Karim Benzema and in a fantastic one-two pass, Ramos hit the roof of the net. Benzema netted again a minute later from close range after a scrambled shot and in the 89th minute Bilbao's keeper, Gorka Iraizoz ventured out too far and Marcelo finished off the onslaught as he fired into an open net.

Real Madrid's victory continues to keep them in touch with Barca, and the title will now be decided next weekend as they head into the final round. Barca hosts Valladolid, while Real is away to Malaga.

Barcelona had to withstand a second-half fight-back from fifth placed Sevilla away, despite being a man up after Abdoulay Konko was given his marching orders in the 56th minute.

Who else but Lionel Messi to open the scoring in the fifth minute when Maxwell delightfully chipped the ball over the Sevilla defence and met Messi's chest. The prolific goal scorer turned the defender and hammered the ball into the bottom right. Bojan Krkic doubled the lead for the title holders in the 28th as the Sevilla defence was chipped again, this time by Xavi Hernandez. Bojan met the through ball and knocked it home. After Konko's red card, Pedro Rodriguez netted Barca's last goal, a powerful 18-yard strike that sailed into the bottom left. In the 69th Frederic Kanoute scored what seemed like a consolation

goal for Sevilla from a through ball, but star striker Luis Fabiano was left unmarked and scored again two minutes later, in what seemed like a comeback. Barcelona settled and made the most of the one man advantage and held on for the win.

In other weekend matches, Deportivo la Coruna defeated Mallorca 1-0, Espanyol was too good for Osasuna with a 2-1 victory at home, Getafe defeated Malaga 2-1, Sporting Gijon drew 1-1 with Atletico Madrid, Tenerife drew 2-2 with Almeria, Valladolid defeated Racing Santander 2-1, Xerez overcame Real Zaragoza 3-2 in a last minute bid to avoid relegation and Villarreal upset Valencia at home 2-0 to finish off the gameweek.

FRANCE
This year's Ligue 1 winners, Marseille were soured by a defeat at the hands of second-placed side Lille on Saturday. A ten-minute two goal comeback by the runners up gave them the three points.

Goals from Toulou de Melo in the 80th and a winner from Mathieu Debuchy in the 90th has resulted in the gap between first and second shortening to five points, but only further secures Lille in their Champions League quest.

BUNDESLIGA

	P	GD	PTS
1 Bayern Munich (C)	34	41	70
2 Schalke 04	34	22	65
3 Werder Bremen	34	31	61
4 Bayer Leverkusen	34	27	59
5 Borussia Dortmund	34	12	57
6 VfB Stuttgart	34	10	55
7 Hamburg	34	15	52
8 Wolfsburg	34	6	50
9 Mainz	34	-6	47
10 Eintracht Frankfurt	34	-7	46
11 TSG Hoffenheim	34	2	42
12 Borussia M'gladbach	34	-17	39
13 Cologne	34	-9	38
14 SC Freiburg	34	-24	35
15 Hannover 96	34	-24	33
16 Nuremberg	34	-26	31
17 VfL Bochum (R)	34	-31	28
18 Hertha Berlin (R)	34	-22	24

Borussia M'gladbach 1-1 Bayer Leverkusen
Hertha Berlin 1-3 Bayern Munich
Mainz 0-0 Schalke 04 Nuremberg 1-0 Cologne
SC Freiburg 3-1 Borussia Dortmund
Hoffenheim 1-1 Stuttgart Bochum 0-3 Hannover 96
W Bremen 1-1 Hamburg Wolfsburg 3-1 Eintracht

EPL

	P	GD	PTS
1 Chelsea	37	63	83
2 Man Utd	37	54	82
3 Arsenal	37	38	72
4 Tottenham	37	28	70
5 Man City	37	28	66
6 Aston Villa	37	14	64
7 Liverpool	37	26	62
8 Everton	37	10	58
9 Birmingham	37	-8	50
10 Stoke	37	-10	47
11 Blackburn	37	-15	47
12 Fulham	37	-3	46
13 Sunderland	37	-7	44
14 Bolton	37	-26	36
15 Wigan	37	-34	36
16 Wolves	37	-25	35
17 West Ham	37	-19	34
18 Hull (R)	37	-41	29
19 Burnley (R)	37	-42	27
20 Portsmouth (R)	37	-31	19

Playing overnight
Arsenal v Fulham Villa v Blackburn
Bolton v Birmingham Burnley v Spurs
Chelsea v Wigan Everton v P'mouth
Hull v Liverpool Man Utd v Stoke
West Ham v Man City Wolves v Sunderland

SPL

	P	GD	PTS
1 Rangers (C)	37	54	86
2 Celtic	37	35	78
3 Dundee Utd	37	10	63
4 Motherwell	37	-2	52
5 Hibernian	37	1	51
6 Hearts	37	-10	48
7 Hamilton	38	-7	49
8 St Johnstone	38	-4	47
9 Aberdeen	38	-16	41
10 St Mirren	38	-13	34
11 Kilmarnock	38	-22	33
12 Falkirk (R)	38	-26	31

Kilmarnock 0-0 Falkirk
St Johnstone 2-3 Hamilton
St Mirren 0-1 Aberdeen

SERIE A

	P	GD	PTS
1 Inter Milan	36	39	76
2 Roma	36	24	74
3 AC Milan	36	19	67
4 Sampdoria	36	7	63
5 Palermo	36	11	61
6 Napoli	36	6	56
7 Juventus	36	3	55
8 Genoa	36	-4	48
9 Fiorentina	36	3	46
10 Bari	36	-2	46
11 Parma	36	-9	46
12 Chievo	36	-2	44
13 Udinese	36	-3	43
14 Cagliari	36	-1	43
15 Catania	36	-2	41
16 Lazio	36	-7	40
17 Bologna	36	-13	40
18 Atalanta	36	-13	35
19 Siena (R)	36	-26	30
20 Livorno (R)	36	-30	29

Playing overnight
Bologna v Catania Fiorentina v Siena
Genoa v AC Milan Inter Milan v Chievo
Juventus v Parma Livorno v Lazio
Napoli v Atalanta Palermo v Sampdoria
Roma v Cagliari Udinese v Bari

LA LIGA

	P	GD	PTS
1 Barcelona	37	70	96
2 Real Madrid	37	67	95
3 Valencia	37	18	68
4 Sevilla	37	15	60
5 Mallorca	37	13	59
6 Getafe	37	7	55
7 Villarreal	37	1	55
8 Athletic Bilbao	37	-5	51
9 Atletico Madrid	37	-1	47
10 Deportivo	37	-12	47
11 Espanyol	37	-15	44
12 Almeria	37	-11	42
13 Osasuna	37	-9	42
14 Sporting Gijon	37	-13	40
15 Real Zaragoza	37	-18	40
16 Valladolid	37	-21	36
17 Malaga	37	-6	36
18 Racing	37	-19	36
19 Tenerife	37	-33	36
20 Xerez	37	-28	33

Deportivo 1-0 Mallorca Espanyol 2-1 Osasuna
Getafe 2-1 Malaga Real Madrid 5-1 Athletic Bilbao
Sevilla 2-3 Barcelona S Gijon 1-1 Atletico Madrid
Tenerife 2-2 Almeria Valladolid 2-1 Racing Santander
Villarreal 2-0 Valencia Xerez 3-2 Real Zaragoza



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Serbia
It was an aggressive start to the game as both sides were out to battle for the Serbian Cup. Red Star dominated all aspects of the game and after 14 minutes the scoreboard read 1:0 for the red and whites from Belgrade.

Aleksandar Jevtic coming off a hatrick against Cukaricki found himself in the right place at the right time once more after a corner from Vladimir Bogdanovic was met by Jevtic whose header found its way into the Vojvodina net.
Vojvodina had a few chances to get back into the game from the clubs top scorer Dragan Mrdj but tall forward he must have forgotten his scoring boots for the final. It stayed 1:0 going into the half time interval.

In the 62minute Red Star scored their second goal. A Fabulous counter attack was finished by Brazilian Kadu who put the ball passed Brkic for a 2:0 lead.
Ten minutes later and it was game set match, super sub Trifunovic headed Red Stars third goal after a good cross from Bogunovic, the striker found himself unmarked and it wasn't going to be difficult for the former Javor player.

This was Red Star's record 23rd Cup triumph while Vojvodina are yet to lift the trophy finishing runners up for the fifth time.
In the 138th Eternal Derby league leaders Partizan are one step closer to the title after a 73rd minute wonder strike from Radosav Petrovic gave the black and whites victory over their arch rivals Red Star in front of a packed Stadion JNA. It was an action packed affair with both sides coming close to getting on the scoresheet and Red Star were denied what was a clear penalty. Partizan is now on route to win their third straight Serbian title.


Croatia
The trophies were shared in Croatia also. Hajduk won the Cup while Dinamo won their fifth straight league title. Hajduk defeated Sibenik 4:1 on aggregate and rewarded their suffering fans who haven't had the best of times in recent years.

Vukusic and Ibricic were the scorers for Hajduk in second leg win 2:0 win over Sibenik. Ibricic found himself on the scoresheet once more this time in the clubs 4:1 thrashing of Medjimurije in league action while Sibenik defeated league Champions Dinamo 2:1 and booked a spot in the Europa League for next season.

Ivica Olic and Danijel Pranjin are German Champions as their club Bayern Munich capped off an excellent season finishing five points clear at the top ahead of Schalke. Olic opened the scoring for the champions in the 3:1 win against relegated Hertha Berlin. The pair has the opportunity to add more silverware to the cabinet when they play in the Champions League final against Inter.


Bosnia
Zeljeznica scored a valuable away goal in the first leg of the Cup Final against Borac in a fiery encounter that ended 1:1. Zeljo also has the advantage of Borac in the League race.

Bosnian striker Edin Dzeko is the golden boot winner in the German Bundesliga with his 22 goals making him the leagues top marksman. An excellent feat for the former Zeljo player who will most certainly be leaving Wolfsburg next season for one of European footballs top clubs.

SERBIA				
	P	GD	Pts	
1. Partizan	28	54:14	72	
2. Crvena zvezda	28	51:14	68	
3. OFK Beograd	28	38:29	50	
4. Spartak	28	34:24	49	
5. Vojvodina	28	43:28	41	
6. Jagodina	28	33:32	37	
7. Javor	28	20:21	36	
8. Metalac	28	22:33	35	
9. Rad	28	34:37	34	
10. Borac	28	20:32	33	
11. Smederevo	28	21:28	31	
12. BSK	28	23:36	27	
13. Napredak	28	28:36	26	
14. Cukaricki	28	20:45	26	
15. Hajduk	27	24:38	25	
16. Mladi radnik	27	18:35	25	

BOSNIA		
	P	Pts
1 FK Željeznica	26	53
2 Borac Banja Luka	26	50
3 NK Široki Brijeg	26	45
4 FK Sarajevo	26	42
5 NK Zrinjski	26	42
6 FK Velež	27	37
7 FK Rudar Prijedor	27	37
8 FK Leotar	27	37
9 NK Zvezda Gradacac	27	36
10 FK Sloboda Tuzla	27	36
11 FK Olimpik Sarajevo	26	35
12 NK Travnik	27	33
13 FK Slavija Sarajevo	26	32
14 NK Celik	26	29
15 FK Laktaši	26	28
16 FK Modrica	26	24

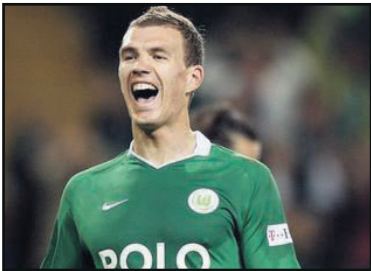
CROATIA			
	P	GD	Pts
1 Dinamo	29	+50	61
2 Cibalia	29	+28	57
3 Hajduk	29	+26	55
4 Šibenik	29	+1	50
5 Karlovac	29	+9	46
6 Osijek	29	+11	44
7 Slaven Belupo	29	0	43
8 Lokomotiva	29	-1	42
9 Rijeka	29	+7	40
10 Zagreb	29	-5	33
11 Varteks	29	-8	33
12 Istra 1961	29	-11	32
13 Zadar	29	-15	31
14 Inter Zaprešić	29	-16	30
15 Medimurje	29	-28	26
16 Croatia Sesvete	29	-48	14



Hajduk celebrates winning the Cup



Cup winner Red Star



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ASIAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Van Dijk confident goals will come



Adelaide United FC marksman Sergio van Dijk is confident the Reds' scoring potency will be there when it counts, as they prepare to face K-League champions Jeonbuk Motors on Wednesday (May 12) at Hindmarsh Stadium.

Through to the Round of 16 as the highest ranked team from Group H after finishing top of the group, the Reds enter the knockout clash with Jeonbuk without a goal in its last three ACL matches.

His could be seen as an area of concern leading up to Wednesday's match, but van Dijk is not perturbed. The Dutch striker, who was at the pointy end for all six of United's games in the Group Stage, is as aware as anyone with the fact that United has gone 278 minutes without finding the back of the net. And he knows as much as anyone that the Reds must recapture that deadliness in front of goal, that saw them score six times in the opening three Match Days.

"Attacking wise, especially in goal scoring, we need to bring more," van Dijk said.

"Don't forget we're playing AFC Champions League and not A-League, you definitely get fewer chances, but still if we want to compete and get into the final, which is what we're in it for, we have to improve."

Notably, of United's goal scoring drought, two of the club's last three games were away from home, while the final group match against Shandong at Hindmarsh saw the home side superior

in the number of chances created, but just unable to finish them off.

One suggestion that has arisen about why the goal scoring well has dried up, is that entering the competition on the back of a disappointing Hyundai A-League campaign, few punters would have had much expectation of United making a splash in their group.

With few expecting the team to do well, the Reds could seemingly have appeared to play without a fear of failure in the first three games. But following three straight victories, United suddenly had Asia taking notice, and expectation of a first place finish in their group was a very real possibility.

Some could argue that the increasing pressure as the Group Stage unfolded could have affected United's goal scoring, but van Dijk denies it has triggered the drought of goals.

"Of course (there is more pressure), that comes with success," van Dijk said.

"If you're doing well...people are expecting even more, but that's alright because I'd rather have that than people saying the opposite."

Entering the AFC Champions League on the back of scoring a total of 25 goals in the past two Hyundai A-League seasons with Brisbane Roar, Van Dijk's solitary goal of the competition to date came in China against Shandong Luneng back on March 10.

One goal from six games might not look that impressive to a striker, but van Dijk is not concerned, as he knows

Asia's prestigious club competition is a whole new ball game from the Hyundai A-League.

"As a striker I really want to score, but this is a different ball game the Asian Champions League, and that I score 13 goals in the A-League doesn't mean I'm going to score every week in the Champions League," van Dijk said.

"As much as I want to (score), I just have to improve, get into scoring positions, and that's something for me to work on."

If scores are level at full time, two 15 minute periods of extra time will be played to decide the result, a penalty shootout will follow if the game is still deadlocked after extra time.

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ACL Round 16

Adelaide United FC will take on Korea's Jeonbuk Motors on Wednesday 12 May 2010 at Hindmarsh Stadium in a sudden death Round of 16 encounter of the AFC Champions League 2010 (Kick-Off 7.30pm ACST).

Winner of Round of 16 will progress to the quarter finals on 15 & 22 September, loser will be eliminated from the 2010 Asian Champions League.



Adelaide United's Sergio van Dijk in earlier ACL action.

PHOTO: ADAM BUTLER



The comet that was Rudi

There have been few more flamboyant and few less successful coaches of the Australian national team than the peripatetic German, Rudi Gutendorf, who was in charge from 1979 to 1981.

Gutendorf did win the 1980 Oceania Federation Nations Cup and that was the only trophy he won in his Australian career. Given that the opponents were Papua New Guinea, New Caledonia, New Hebrides and Tahiti, this hardly counts as a major achievement. He took Schalke 04 to the Germany cup final in 1969, but that was the nearest he got to club success. In all it is said he coached 38 clubs or national teams in 28 countries.

Sir Arthur George, President of the Australian Soccer Federation, appointed Gutendorf as national coach in 1978 to replace Jim Shoulder after Australia failed to qualify for the World Cup in Argentina. Gutendorf said he had been inspired to take the job by the Socceroos' performance in the World Cup finals in West Germany in 1974. 'My aim is to mould a successful, aggressive and offensively-minded Socceroo squad,' he announced. But his other intention was to work mainly with Australian-born players rather than those who had come from overseas and hence his focus was on youth development. He described the wholesale importation of rubbish from overseas as a crime against Australian soccer and local talent. 'Our aim must be to show the public that soccer is not a "foreign" but a local and international sport.'

Les Scheinflug, as he was to do several times for the national side, acted as caretaker coach, until Gutendorf arrived in 1979. Gutendorf's first game in charge of the national team was against New Zealand in Auckland on 13 June 1979 and it turned out to be the first loss to the Kiwis since 1954. This was to be an omen, since Gutendorf's last match was also a defeat to New Zealand in 1981, but this time in a World Cup qualifier. The team which played in 1979 was Greg Woodhouse, Col Curran, Peter Wilson (c), Steve O'Connor (John O'Shea 65), Paul Degney, Joe Watson, Tony Henderson (John Kosmina 46), Gary Byrne (Agenor Muniz 60), Mark Jankovics, Peter Sharne, Eddie Krncevic. Duncan Ormond scored the Kiwi's goal in 58 minutes.

Also in June 1979 Partizan Belgrade played two games against the Socceroos.



Two coaches of Australia, Tony Boggi (left) and Rudi Gutendorf. Photo: Les Shorrock, Deakin University Library.

The first of these was Peter Wilson's last after 115 appearances for Australia, including 60 as captain. In October the New York Cosmos arrived and Jimmy Rooney and Tony Henderson helped Australia to a two-one win over a team whose stars were Franz Beckenbauer and Giorgio Chinaglia, who got the Cosmos goal. Later in 1979, Gutendorf took the team on an Asian tour that included a two-nil win over Taiwan with goals by Tommy Cumming and Gary Cole and several matches in China.

The following year Czechoslovakia, coached by Jozef Venglos, came on tour and Australia managed a creditable two-all draw in the third match of the series in Melbourne. That team was Greg Woodhouse, Jim Tansey, Steve Perry, Ivo Prskalo, David Jones (John Yzendoorn 26), Jim Rooney, George Christopoulos

(Alan Davidson 46), John Coyne, Peter Sharne (Gary Cole 68), Eddie Krncevic, Tommy Cumming (John Nyskohus 79). Ivo Prskalo converted an early penalty and after the visitor went ahead, Edi Krncevic equalized in the second half. That good result was followed by a two-one win over AC Milan, with current Roma coach Claudio Ranieri in its line-up.

The next touring team was England which beat the Socceroos by two-one in Sydney. The Oceania Cup win in 1980 was followed by a three-match series at home against Northern Ireland, which resulted in two narrow losses and a draw. Then Mexico came later in the year with a strong side, but Australia drew both games. Preparation for the World Cup qualifiers involved a two-month world tour including an excellent three-all

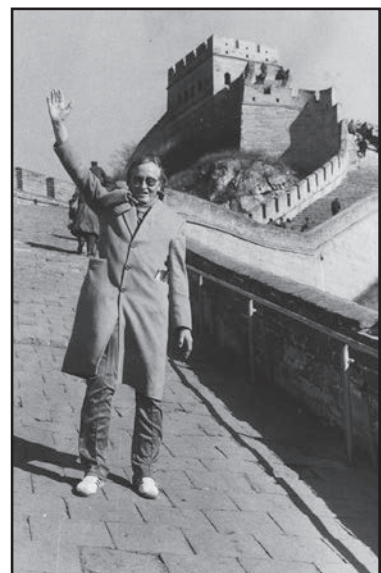
draw in Greece and wins over Israel and Hong Kong. But the tour was mired in controversy with claims the coach was spruiking attacking football in public, but instructing defensive and long ball tactics in the dressing room.

Following the extensive preparations, there was great optimism when the qualifiers got under way with the away game against New Zealand on 25 April 1981. The result was a three-all draw with Krncevic scoring twice and Ken Boden once, while the Kiwis replied through Grant Turner, Steve Wooddin and Steve Sumner. Ricky Herbert, now coach of Wellington Phoenix, was at the heart of the New Zealand defence. The Australian squad for that game and the next included Greg Woodhouse, Alan Davidson, John Yzendoorn, Tony Henderson, Steve Blair, Steve Perry, Jim

Tansey, Billy Rogers, Gary Cole, Murray Barnes, Eddie Krncevic, Ken Boden, Mark Jankovics, Sebastian Giampal, John Kosmina, and Peter Sharne. The return leg at the Sydney Cricket Ground on 16 May brought the dreams crashing down. Wooddin put the Kiwis ahead in 29 minutes and Grant Turner's 81st minute goal at the end of a fine passing movement settled the issue.

The World Cup campaign was virtually over before it started. The players decided they had no confidence in the coach. After a fiery press conference in which Sir Arthur George turned on him, Gutendorf resigned and his meteoric career in Australia was finished. New Zealand went on represent Oceania in Spain in a group which included Scotland, Brazil and the Soviet Union.

My thanks to the Ozfootball website contributors for their assistance with information.



Rudi Gutendorf with a better defensive wall than he was able to construct for the Socceroos. Source: Laurie Schwab collection, Deakin University Library.



The Socceroos who lost to New Zealand in 1981. Left to right: Murray Barnes (captain), Peter Sharne, Greg Woodhouse, John Yzendoorn, Jim Tansey, Alan Davidson, Tony Henderson, Steve Blair, Billy Rogers, Mark Jankovics, Edi Krncevic. Source: Laurie Schwab collection, Deakin University Library.



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With Peter Katholos

Toffees Tour Down Under

What great news to hear that Everton will be preparing for their new season 2010-11 on Australia's shores. They have arranged to play games against Brisbane Roar, Melbourne Victory and Sydney FC in July. With the influence of Australia's favourite son at the moment, Tim Cahill, I'm sure this football business venture will be a success and congratulations to Chris Tanner from Zenith Management for organizing such a tour.

Our very own Tim Cahill, who was coached by John Doyle and played at Sydney Olympic under the guidance of Alex Lambropoulos in the under 15's, and then went to Belmore Hercules before making his way to Milwall to grace the football mecas of Europe. What a great rags to riches story !

I play with his brother Chris in the off season 5-a-side, along with number of other boys, and what a great human being he is, just like Tim - real down to earth people. I've spend numerous times with his Dad at my sports business talking football and all the politics that they encountered in the junior days. Yes, he was told he was not good enough to play in the Sydney Olympic under 16's the following season by some bloke that had no idea! Can you believe it?

I want to congratulate him for not only a great football career so far but the things he does outside football, helping other people and being a great ambassador for Australia, who would give an arm and a leg to play for his country whenever the opportunity arose - even if it's a bullshit

friendly somewhere in Asia! Ok, he does not have Messi's technical ability, he has great touch, is a team player, quick, has football intelligence and makes correct decisions, score goals, and works his butt off for the team. He is a winner and he is a leader. I'm sure the fans of Australian football will come in droves to watch him play with Everton in this Australian.

I wonder if this is the start of other teams from around the world incorporating coming to Australia for their pre-season preparations, just like the J-League sides did in Sydney a few years ago?

AFL at the MCG

I was down in Melbourne last weekend to play some golf at the National Golf Club and to watch the big clash Carlton v Collingwood at the MCG.

What a massive atmosphere. Although the Blues lost I could not believe the supporters shouting louder when the players held the ball, cries of "Ballllllll!", then when they actually kicked a goal. How weird!

But sorry boys, nothing compared to the atmosphere of the great football clashes of our game. No comparison! I've watched AC Milan v Inter Milan at the San Siro and let me tell you, that was something else. Can you even imagine the atmosphere of the Boca Juniors v River Plate in Argentina, or the Real Madrid v Barcelona in Spain, or the Olympiacos v Panathinaikos in Greece?

Goal line technology

FIFA have finally made the decision that there is going to be no goal line technology implemented.

They want football to maintain its 'human' elements. The comment was, if we start with technology on the goal line, then where do we stop with other parts of the game?

Also, the argument is that all association matches worldwide would need to adhere to the same rules. The nature of association football is that it is a dynamic game that cannot be stopped in order to review a decision. If play were stopped the rhythm of the game would suffer and the natural flow of the game would be not the same.

No, I don't agree totally, as not all football matches are the same. Football is now a massive business and let's say, to be denied qualifying for the World Cup on a goal line decision could potentially cost that country approximately \$50 million, so how is that fair? Other examples include promotion, relegation or winning the league or the cup finals from around the world. They are all very important matches and the result of that decision could be the difference in determining the match.

Something tells me this will be revisited in the not too distant future. I'll just wait for the next big decision that goes wrong and watch them crumble! Technology cannot be ignored and it will only enhance its credibility. The human eye cannot see objects with accuracy travelling at 300mph. It really is that simple.

Australian international with 25 caps, Australian Player of the Year, winner of 4 NSL championships, 3 NSL Cups, 557 first grade games, 97 goals from 1976-1996. Played for St George, Sydney Olympic, Apia, Marconi, Melita Eagles and Larissa (Greece). Rated as one of the most technically gifted players ever produced in Australia. Now involved with player development and player management. www.technikfootball.com



Timmy Cahill in action against Holland in a bullshit friendly late last year....

Pim's Squad

Tomorrow we find out who exactly makes the cut into Pim Verbeek's Socceroo bound for South Africa. It's another historic moment in the history of Australian football and I'm sure we'll all be awaiting the announcement with huge anticipation. Everyone will have their own opinions after the event takes place and of course there will be some disappointed players out there together with a couple of surprise selections, however I just hope Pim is big enough to make the tough decisions if need be and doesn't select a number of players based on past reputations.

There are no easy games in the World

Cup and sometimes we have to be cruel to be kind. I'm sure he has spent some painstaking time reviewing his options, and for the sake of the good of the game he must be confident in his selections and obviously choose the players he thinks will serve the Socceroos well.

See you next week!

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With George Katsamboukas



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Some Mother's Do Ave 'Em
A belated happy Mother's Day to all the Mums of players, coaches, club powerbrokers and fans, of our fine game; who awoke on Sunday morning to be treated to breakfast in bed, presents ranging from slippers to perfumes, only to then receive a quick peck on the cheek, before the above-mentioned resumed their normal Sunday activities of attending soccer games around the state.

Howzat!

Another wicket fell during the week, with Altona Magic and Dragan Blazevski parting company. In comes Sash Becinovski with the un-

enviable task of getting Magic out of the Westgate Zone.

Hitting the Highway

Speaking of the Westgate, I did have an appointment with a VPL Coach to meet there at 5.30 pm on Saturday; however results obtained by our respective teams allowed us to give it a miss for another week.

The good Folk at Vic Roads are feverishly upgrading this fine Bridge to a 10 lane Express Way. Nine lanes will be wasted as club powerbrokers only require one lane come September.

PR Machines

Whisper received from an associate during the week is that all is still not fine and dandy at the upper echelon of

the FFV, despite Mark's media release last week indicating that the Board Members kissed and made up over lattes and scones. Stand by as there will be further developments on this one.

Pim Ponders

Not long to go for the World Cup Finals, where Pim Verbeek will announce his squad during the week and hoping to better the Socceroo's performance from four years ago. Time will tell whether he will be able to achieve this before he says "Ta, Ta" to Frank and Ben, before boarding the jumbo jet which is bound for his next assignment, in sunny Morocco.

The local punters will certainly require huge amounts of No Doze during the Finals, as they will back up from all nighters staying up to watch

these matches to then put in a full days work.

Male's mail-out

Last weeks Katsa's Mailbag certainly ruffled a few feathers, where a number of players wrote in to ask if I was writing about them. Seems that "confusion" as to the actual gender of a potential Happy End Partner is widespread. Sleep easy lads, your secrets are always safe with me.

Until Next Week,

This is Katsa- just as you have known him.

And remember, keep your friends close and your Club Powerbrokers closer.



Deal or No Deal. Socceroo players will find out their World Cup fate by tomorrow.



BOO'S WORLD

With Mark Boric



Top of the pops

What a week for Spurs fans. A 1-0 win over Manchester City to secure a Champions League qualifying round spot had me not only giving the YouTube clip of Ossie's Dreams some heavy rotations, but the Glenn Hoddle and Chris Waddle classic Diamond Lights also got a few plays. Eyes that freeze like ice. Cold electric blue like diamond lights.

Foster's foot in mouth

Craig Foster is now an author, with his book Fozz on Football just released. Going on his media promotions for it, I would suggest he may need to brush up on some reading though, perhaps giving Dale Carnegie's 1937 epic How to Win Friends and Influence People another glance. I don't think attacking other sports and labelling non-fans ignorant will win many people over.

Seeing red

The N.T.C.'s Steven Hatzikostas received an auto plus sixteen game suspension after being sent-off in remonstrating with the referee in last Monday's game against Richmond. Whilst any contact with an official is viewed as assault it is a tough way to learn that you will get nothing but trouble for arguing with them. In this case the "assault" would pale into insignificance compared to what Leeds United's Max Gradel would have issued in the game against Bristol Rovers on Saturday had his team-mates not held him off, copping a few whacks for their troubles. I appreciate referees need to be looked after, but having once seen a nasty leg-breaking tackle which somehow saw the perpetrator only serve an automatic one game suspension, my belief is that the current disciplinary system just ain't right.

Repeat offenders

Another disappointing instance of crowd trouble in local football, this time at a game between Nunawading City and

Spingvale City. Once again it will be interesting to see how the FFV deal with it. I believe one of these clubs has what is often described as "form".

Comeback King

Now we all know that in the Under 21's leagues you are allowed to field three overage players, but the goalkeeping injury crisis at Langwarrin has probably seen them set a record for playing the oldest overage player ever in such a competition. Goalkeeping great Peter Blasby turning out, and maintaining a clean sheet, in a win over Pascoe Vale on Saturday at 58 years of age. Now there's a Spurs fan who is old enough to probably remember when they last played in the European Champions Cup (later League).



Wocka Wocka Wocka: It's all in the delivery, pal. Fozzie wasn't your average bear and had many a tomato seller rubbing his hands with glee.



KRNCEVIC'S CRUNCHLINES

With Eddie Krncevic

Australian soccer legend, Eddie Krncevic represented the Socceroos 35 times and scored 17 goals. He played professionally in Europe for Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia), MSV Duisberg (Germany), Mulhouse (France) and Anderlecht, FC Liege, Aalst and Charleroi in Belgium.

The World Cup countdown is well and truly upon us as we enter the home stretch in preparation for the greatest show on earth. We're approximately 32 days away now from the opening match between the hosts South Africa and Mexico, due to take place in Johannesburg on June 11th.

On Tuesday of this week teams are required to unveil their 30-man provisional squads as they enter month long May camps before the tournament proper. The deadline for the 32 teams to provide a final list of 23 players is June 1st and no doubt there will be a buzz in the air surrounding the forthcoming announcements.

Along with many Socceroos fans, I'm looking forward with much anticipation towards the release of Pim Verbeek's list, which will hopefully put to rest the many questions surrounding the squad. I hate to admit it but I don't believe it will be as smooth sailing this time around as it was in Germany 2006.

The big speculation concerning Verbeek's squad at the moment is whether or not Harry Kewell will be fit and ready after reports he has re-injured the groin which he had surgery on in January and is set to miss Galatasaray's final two games of the Turkish season.

This is not good news. Whilst Kewell will no doubt be included in the provisional squad, it remains to be seen if he'll be fit enough for the final 23-man

party.

We can perhaps draw some consolation that Ghana is facing a similar situation with Essien. The Chelsea midfielder is currently recuperating from a knee injury, and has been named in the provisional squad, and like Kewell, it remains to be seen if Essien will make the final cut. While it is reported that Kewell has broken down again, Essien seems to be making positive progress, and both players' presence will be critical.

If Kewell is unable to play, what then are the attacking alternatives for Verbeek? Apart from Josh Kennedy and Scott MacDonald - who although has been scoring for Middlesbrough lately, has yet to score a goal in the green and gold - what are the options? Is this the time to seriously consider bringing Joel and Ryan Griffiths into the equation? With a few other prominent players not appearing to be at their peak, it does seem on the surface that Australia will be struggling to make an impact in South Africa.

Mark Bresciano hasn't played for ages, and Jason Culina is keeping fit by training with PSV. Craig Moore on the other hand is training on his own and may well turn out for the Brisbane Strikers. In the meantime, there's players out there who are doing the job, but aren't even getting a look in or a mention.

On the weekend, Danny Invincible put in another stellar performance for Kilmarnock in the Scottish Premier League.

He's good at going forward, got a great shot on him, and has the ability to dictate a lot of play around him. But, will he be considered?

Across the English border on Saturday, Neil Kilkenny was involved in a huge match playing for Leeds United against Bristol Rovers, as Leeds come back from a goal down with a man down, to win 2-1 and promotion into the English Championship.

After watching this epic encounter, there's no doubt in my mind, that Kilkenny has two good feet, can handle pressure football, and would even give Culina as run for his money.

The question that begs an answer is, is anyone from the Socceroos selection panel actually watching these lads? I would really be interested to know what the process is at looking at these 'outsiders', and whether or not Pim would have been watching and how he's keeping a tab on these players.

The stakes are far too great for these types of players to be ignored.

Furthermore, since Pim announced his intention to leave the Socceroo post at the end of the World Cup, I can't help but think why does he want to go?

Is there more than meets the eye? Is this the exit strategy for a potentially bad World Cup showing in South Africa? The contract with the FFA would have been competitive, and the role of Socceroo coach is certainly held in higher regard these days, so why would you



Kilmarnock's Danny Invincible and Leeds United's Neil Kilkenny. With surnames like those why wouldn't you want them in your squad?

want to swap it to be a Youth Director for a nation like Morocco? Was it simply that the money was too good to refuse in Morocco?

In any case, I'll be watching with great interest how our national team performs. It's interesting to note that Ghana is ranked below the Socceroos in the FIFA ratings (Australia is 20th, Ghana is 24th), and Ghana recently made it to the final of

the African Nations Cup.

If Ghana makes it past Serbia and Germany, they may well yet go all the way - and I don't think it's that inconceivable for it to happen - especially in their own backyard.

I don't envy Pim's position at the moment as he doesn't have the luxury of fit players that Guss Hiddink was presented.



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One return flight to the World Cup please!

Forget about the likes of Harry Kewell, Tim Cahill, Mark Bresciano, Vince Grella, Brett Emerton, Craig Moore and Lucas Neill being the Socceroos most important players at the World Cup.

The first 11 picks themselves and if any of the above players that I mentioned are fit or near it on June 14 they will be shaking hands with German players on the 14th of June while under their breath saying “wir sind dabei, Ihren ausgezeichneten englischen sprechenden deutschen Arsch zu kicken” which roughly translates to “we’re going to kick your excellent English speaking German arse”

The most important Socceroos that will be picked in the 23 man squad will be the next 11. The reason I say this rather daft comment is that nine of the potential first 11 will be over 30 years old. Only Jason Culina and Luke Wilkshire are in their 20’s. There are five days between games during the group stage and I don’t really think everyone in the first team will be able to play every minute of the Aussies’ three group games.

Below are the key players for the Socceroos who I think will struggle the most. I have included a games/ goals comparison during the season passed and a comparison of the 05/06 season which preceded the Germany 06 campaign. Their potential understudy’s also are included and it also includes a comparison of age and games played during this season.

Harry Kewell

Harry was on fire until his recent groin injury derailed his recent good form. The backup plan is not Tommy Oar it’s Nikita Rukavystya. The former Perth Glory Striker has been playing regularly of late scoring 4 goals in 8 appearances for Belgian Club Rosalre. On his day he can open defences and score goals. If he is not on his day he can be caught offside and miss chances which Fox Sports commentator Robbie Slater would say “he should’ve done better”. No shit Sherlock! James Troisi is another candidate that could be chosen as back up but Pim has not picked him for a while.

Tim Cahill

Tim Cahill is the fitter and the most in-form of the all the key players but will he be able to last all the three games? With the amount of running and the expectation that every team he plays against will double team him our little Timmy soldier will have an extra burden in this World Cup campaign to deliver again. If Nick Carle makes the plane to South Africa it will at least mute some members of the media who have taken on his bidding probably to the detriment of the player. His performance against Japan in the final World Cup Qualifying game could get him on the plane to South Africa.

Mark Bresciano

By his standard Mark did not have the best World Cup in Germany. He is probably the biggest injury concern behind Harry Kewell. Brett Holman could see more game time at this World Cup than he and even the fans expect. Brett Holman is a favourite of Pim and his experience in the Socceroos qualifying campaign should see him on the plane. I will cross my fingers and hope he plays above himself, but I doubt it.

Vince Grella

The Socceroos midfield enforcer is struggling to get on the park let alone get a full game. His move to Blackburn has been littered with injuries. Mile Jedinak has had an excellent season scoring goals and playing full games. I expect to see him get some decent game time in Germany if Grella struggles. I think Mile has overtaken Carl Valeri in the pecking order due to his excellent season with Turkish club Antalyaspor however I expect both should be going to South Africa.

Brett Emerton

Brett Emerton is arguably Australia’s fittest player and he is a key element of the Socceroos squad. Pim used Brett as a right midfielder/winger in his famous 4-2-3-1. Dario Vidosic moved to a second division German side to get more game time and his performances against Japan and Netherlands could see him picked as back up. Mile Sterjovski and Richard Garcia are the other two options.

Craig Moore

Craig Moore has left more clubs early than a bored hipster on a Saturday night out on Oxford St. His form in the A League dipped and his barge arse was almost getting as big as Lucas Neill’s. As a Socceroo fan I would be worried what the German, Ghanaian and Serbian Strikers will do to our slow and ageing defence. The backup looks like being Mark Milligan and Jade North however calls from some section state that Eddie Bosnar and Sasa Ognenovski should be considered. They both have the best record in terms of games played and have the height to combat the tall German and Serbian strikers. But Pim just doesn’t like them and have zero experience with the national team. I would pick Mathew Spiranovic over Jade North.

My Fantasy 23 man Socceroo Squad

GK: Mark Schwarzer, Adam Federici, Mathew Langarak (3)
DEF: Craig Moore, Lucas Neill , Mark Milligan, Scott Chipperfield , Luke Wilkshire, Ryhs Williams, Mathew Spiranovc, David Carney (8)
MID: Tim Cahill, Brett Emerton, Ja-



Lining up for the Socceroos. But who exactly will be left standing come South Africa? Photo: GEOFF JONES

Socceroo Number Crunch

	(Socceroo Caps/Goals)	Club	Age	Season	Games/Goals
Harry Kewell	(45/13)	Liverpool	27	05/06	40/3
Harry Kewell		Galatasaray	31	09/10	27/14
Nikita Rukavystya	(2/0)	Rosalare	23	09/10	15/8
James Troisi	(3/0)		21	09/10	21
Tim Cahill	(37/19)	Everton	26	05/06	39/8
Tim Cahill		Everton	30	09/10	40/10
Nicky Carle	(12)	Crystal Palace	28	09/10	23/1
Mark Bresciano	(52/11)	Parma	26	05/06	34/8
Mark Bresciano		Palermo	30	09/10	22/6
Brett Holman	(29/1)	AZ Alkmar	26	09/10	31/6
Vince Grella	(Socceroo Caps/Goals)	Club	Age	Season	Games/Goals
Vince Grella	(42)	Parma	26	05/06	Around 40
Mile Jedinak	(9)	Blackburn	30	09/10	14
Carl Valeri	(19/0)	Antalyaspor	25	09/10	33/7
		Grosseto/Sassuolo	25	09/10	Around 20 games
Brett Emerton	(72/17)	Blackburn	26	05/06	37/2
Brett Emerton		Blackburn	30	09/10	28/2
Mile Sterjovski	(43/8)	Perth Glory	30	09/10	23/6
Dario Vidosic	(4/0)	N’berg/Duisberg	23	09/10	19/1
Richard Garcia	(5)	Hull	28	09/10	18/0
Craig Moore	(47/3)	NewcastleUnited	30	05/06	8
Craig Moore		Brisbane/Kavala	34	09/10	25
Jade North	(28)	Incheon	28	09/10	12
Eddie Bosnar		JEF Utd/ Shimizu	29	08/10	61/4
Mark Milligan	(9/1)	Shanghai/JEF Utd	24	09/10	32/1
Sasa Ognenovski		Seongnam	31	09/10	37/2
Mathew Spiranovic	(4/0)	Nuremberg/Urawa	21	07/10	12/2
Simon Colosimo	(26/3)	Sydney FC	31	08/10	34
Michael Beauchamp	(19/1)	Al-Jazira	29	08/10	13

son Culina, Nicky Carle, Vince Grella, Mile Jedinak, Carl Valeri, Mark Bresciano, Brett Holman, (8)
FWD: Josh Kennedy, Harry Kewell, Nikita Rukavystya, Scott McDonald (4)

My first team 11 against Germany

Playing 4-2-3-1
Mark Schwarzer
Luke Wilkshire, Craig Moore, Lucas Neill , Scott Chipperfield
Vince Grella , Jason Culina,
Brett Emerton, Tim Cahill, Mark

Bresciano
Harry Kewell,

Unlucky to miss out:

Richard Garcia, Mile Sterjovski, Simon Colisimo, Dario Vidosic, Jade North, Tommy Oar.

Are we there yet?

I have tried to be conservative due to Pims’ 4-2-3-1 formation with my choices. From the information in the tables you can make your own mind about whether the lack of games for some of

our key players will have the Socceroos attending the tournament lacking match fitness (I don’t think it’s as bad as some of the prophets of doom in the media say it is).

It’s all speculation on who will be picked anyway and the man that counts is Pim Verbeek but I’m not sure about you but I would rather forgo the all speculation, pre-game analysis and hype just so I can hear the whistle blow when the Socceroos take the field against Ze Germans on the 14th June @ 4:30 am sharp.



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With Leroy Robinson



Where Next For Misfiring Gunners?

By Leroy Robinson

Not so long ago in an article called 'The North London Divide' I debated the notion of Spurs getting 4th place and Arsenal winning the league, concluding that Arsenal were the more likely to reach their goals given their easier run-in. I was wrong, again.

Given my record, and Arsenal's form, the offseason can't come soon enough for us both. Though I fully expect them to beat what will be a weakened Fulham team at home, their run-in to the season has been awful. Last week I watched them go down at Blackburn and I was struck by a couple of things: 1 – How tamely they went down and 2 – the paltry away following of what is supposed to be a big club. Needless to say given their team's performance and the result the fans were quiet for much of the game. Injuries to both Robin Van Persie and Cesc Fabregas are no excuse. It is no healthier for Arsenal to be reliant on these two as it is for Liverpool to be on Torres and Gerrard.

Injuries aside, over the past few years I have suspected that Wenger has a team of gutless chokers whose shorts turn brown when the going gets tough. Maybe I expect too much, maybe I'm still thinking of past glories when they had fighters like Adams, Henry and Viera – heck, even Bergkamp got stuck in at times. With this current team I'm of the opposite opinion. Against the smaller teams they've shown a reluctance to fight physicality with physicality. In fact the Gunner's implosion has been so spectacular in the last few weeks the coughing you can hear all the way down under are probably Arsenal chocking once again in the business end of the season.

I don't think this is being overly critical. On paper they had an easier run-in than most other teams and yet this year, as in the past, they totally blew any chance of winning the league with a pathetic run-in. So I suggest that this offseason is one of the most important for Wenger and Arsenal. Next season will be one of the tightest since the premier League began, meaning Wenger has to get things right. The surfacing of Spurs as a force and the continued emergence of Man City and Aston Villa mean that teams like Arsenal and Liverpool cannot take a UCL place for granted anymore.

So what does Arsenal need to do in the offseason to ensure they don't chuck in the towel like they have in the last few games?

First they have to admit the team and squad, though good enough to finish in the top four, isn't good enough to win



Arsenal started the season with a 6-1 hiding of Everton and played some delightful football along the way. But, why did the wheels fall off at the most crucial time of the season?

the league. Seems strange but Wenger sometimes cannot see the deficiencies in his own team. In all truth sometimes Wenger strikes me as a general who, when surrounded by enemy troops on all sides, proclaims them to be just where he wants them.

So why weren't they good enough?

Almunia and Fabianski are mediocre 'keepers, yet not as bad as people make out. One does wonder though what the coaches at Arsenal teach Fabianski in training. Surely commanding the box and catching the ball are a priority? They need a nailed-on first choice goalie ASAP. The problem is to get such a goalkeeper would cost more money than I think Monsieur Wenger wants to spend. I like Manuel Neuer of Schalke 04 in Germany. He's big and commands his area but he would cost £10million. My guess is he'll keep Almunia and get rid of Fabianski in favour of another 2nd choice goalie, therefore saving money to address another problem area – defence.

At Chelsea I was a fan of Gallas, he had superb positional sense, pace, strength and bravery - everything I want in a defender. Then he moved to Arsenal and something happened. Fans of Superman will know what I mean. When the man who changes his undies in telephone boxes wanted to settle down into a nor-

mal life with Lois Lane he had to give up his powers. Well since his relationship with Arsenal Gallas is no longer the same defender. It could be he was on the downslide when Wenger got him in the deal for Ashley Cole ye whatever the problem he is now at best a back-up defender. Wenger should have sorted out the centre-back issues by now but instead went for the cheap option of buying Silvestre and re-signing Sol Campbell (who has actually been one of their better players – which tells you something about the others) as cover.

It is essential Wenger purchases one centre-back but I would go as far to say he needs to buy two of them and get rid of Silvestre. Sticking with defence I would dump Clichy too. Decent going forward but as a defender he isn't aware enough of his back four and plays too many attackers onside. And is his attacking prowess enough to justify his starting place in the team? They have Kieran Gibbs and I would start him and tell him only to cross the halfway line if a gust of wind blows him there. Milan were rumoured to be willing to pay £20million for Clichy last year with the money from their Kaka sale. I would send begging letters and phone calls asking if the offer was still open.

Another problem area is central defensive midfield. Diaby can look like Patrick Viera's heir in one game and a

headless giraffe in others. He and Alex Song don't impose themselves enough in big games. I guess that's the reason Wenger plays them both even at home, he doesn't trust them enough on their own in the defensive role. Wenger did have the chance of signing Felipe Melo from Fiorentina last year but the price was too high. It was a wise move. There are other less high profile and cheaper players to fill the position.

I'm not too critical of the selling Toure and Adebayor either. Both players wanted to leave and Manchester City overpaid for them. Yet by not replacing Adebayor Wenger gambling on Van Persie being fit for a full season and failed, as did Arsenal's season. Much as I would like to see Eduardo succeed in England he isn't the reliable back-up Arsenal require. In fact Wenger showed he prefers Bendtner so it shouldn't be hard to sell the Croatian international and buy a quality back-up for Van Persie.

Their first bit of business will probably be the signing of Marouane Chamakh, a Moroccan international. That's a good start. However he is too lightweight to play as a central striker and is better on either wing of a 4-3-3. They need another striker, someone who can play centrally in a 4-3-3 or 4-4-2 because once RVP gets injured that's who they'll be relying on to perform alongside Chamakh. The Moroccan should signal the

end for Tomas Rosicky. Rosicky hasn't been the same player since he came back from long-term injury, and overall since signing him from Borussia Dortmund the player hasn't impressed.

Another player who has taken a backward step this season is Samir Nasri. At the tail end of the season, with Fabregas injured, I was hoping he'd take up the mantle of midfield talisman. I know he's only 22 but at Marseille in front of 70,000 he seemed to thrive under the pressure of being called the new Ribery. It was disappointing to see him go missing when Arsenal needed him most. 2 goals and 3 assists is a poor return from 21 league starts this season.

However, for me one player sums up Arsenal this season. Andrei Arshavin. Oftentimes he looks disinterested, especially out of position on the wing. At other times he's unplayable and really up for it. In 24 starts he has 9 goals and 1 assist which is pretty good. So imagine how he'd do if he really worked at it? Is it that Wenger lacks the motivational skills to get through to his team? Maybe these players just aren't hungry enough for success like Henry and Bergkamp were. Those two had something to prove after being rejected by Italian football.

Does Wenger need to do anything else?

He could start by playing players in their best positions. If he doesn't want to sign a central striker how about playing Walcott in the position he played at Southampton. Arshavin plays behind the front players for Russia and did so for his previous club so why not play him there when Fabregas gets injured or play both of them there in a triangle in front of a defensive midfielder, especially at home? If I could ask one question to Wenger in a press conference it would be this: do you buy players to fit specific positions and if so which position will Chamakh play? I imagine he would give an answer extolling the virtues of Chamakh's versatility and be as vague as a politician.

The bottom line is Arsenal need great players who won't go missing when things get tough. The type used to the pressure of a championship run-in. They're called leaders and in all honesty if you look at Arsenal's squad how many do they have?

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Dear GW,

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Gooners for Ever!, Huntingdale

Dear Ed,

I'd also like to put my hat in the ring regarding making the WAG of the Week pictures bigger. It with out a doubt probably the best part of your publication. And these fine specimen of the the roundball game should be given credit where it's due. I'd happily forfeit a VPL match report for the sake of another WAG. Apart from that, keep up the good work.

Also, can you please tell that guy

who wrote that letter next to me that his mob need to take a leaf out of Tottenham's book and realise that the season doesn't end in April. Looking forward to knocking them out in the Champions League next season.

Chas and Dave, North London



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With Adam North

Spurs take a seat at Europe's Top Table

Tottenham's midweek victory over Manchester City meant that we finally know which team will finish fourth this season, and doing so garner a Champions League place for next term. Spurs now have the chance to be playing club football at its most elite level, alongside the best teams in Europe. But is it all good news for the team from White Heart Lane?

First off I would like to congratulate Spurs for finishing fourth and for getting a place in next seasons Champions League qualifying stage. A few weeks ago I suggested that Tottenham's habitual inconsistency would prevent them from achieving what they so desired, however Spurs proved me wrong with an extremely strong end to the season, one which any of the clubs above them would be thankful for. And what's more, at this point Tottenham still have a chance to finish third, if their bitter rivals Arsenal continue with their apparent implosion.

And not only is it a landmark day for the second club in North London, but also for the Premier League as finally the monopoly that the 'Big Four' had on the Champions League places has finally been broken. I think it may be too soon to suggest that this means an end to having a 'Big Four', as I'm certain that Liverpool will be looking to get right back into Champions League football next season, but perhaps this could be the beginning of the end. Lets not forget that fourth place was contested this season by not only Liverpool and Spurs, but also Manchester City, Aston Villa, and even Everton towards the end, so if all these clubs continue to improve we may see not only one team break into the top European competition, but perhaps two or three.

With the exception of Everton, who had a difficult start to the season before shooting up the league towards the middle and end, each team mentioned above have looked, at various stages of the league season, like they could take fourth. Many people believed that Liverpool, despite all their troubles and poor performances, would still cling on to fourth, or that City would prove that money equals success and get their first taste of top European competition. Yet it was Spurs who took fourth, and if we look back at the season as a whole, they



Harry Redknapp seems to have delivered the answers Spurs fans have been yearning for, but at potentially what price?

probably deserved it.

As I suggested above, Tottenham's end to the season has been magnificent, and their last few results, against the best teams in the country, suggest that they have begun to believe that they can perform and beat the bigger clubs, especially at home. In the last few weeks they have beaten rivals Arsenal and Chelsea at the Lane, and in both games they were the better team. And maybe an even better result, given the state of the league table, was going up to the City of Manchester Stadium and winning against their only remaining competition for a Champions League spot. Over the ninety minutes Spurs were undoubtedly better than City, and deserved their victory, one which could be worth up to £50 million to the club.

And what has been so pleasing for Spurs fans is that not only have their recent results been good, but they achieved them whilst sticking to their policy of committing to attack minded football. They have a solid if unspectacular defence, pace all over the side, and goals up front. Several of their players will in the very least be considered for England

duty in the summer, not to mention the fact that they have several other seasoned internationals. And in Gareth Bale Tottenham have one of the most promising young talents in the whole of the Premier League. For me, Bale is a good representation for Spurs as a team, in that he believes in attack first, he is quick and agile, good quality on the ball, and as the season has gone on both he and Spurs have got better and better.

However, as much as I want to congratulate Tottenham for their achievements this season, I would like to put forward some words of caution which must be kept in mind over the off-season.

First of all, let us not forget that the last team outside the 'Big Four' to finish in the Champions League places was Everton, also at the expense of Liverpool. They made it into the Champions League qualifying round, as Spurs have now done, but they proceeded to lose over the two legs and did not make it into the Champions League proper, which of course could easily happen to Tottenham.

Now if Spurs do make it to the dance, there is no suggestion that they would

produce any major performances or gain any victories in the main group stage. Sometimes people in England have the false belief that most of our league teams are better than some of the seasoned European sides, yet Spurs will find that literally any European game is tough, especially away from home, and they may not win any games. Of course, the money Spurs get from European football will be important, yet their fans may be left wondering if all their jubilation was worthwhile if they crash out in the group stages with only two or three points to their name.

Furthermore, as teams have previously found, playing in Europe can severely affect your league performances. It is difficult to maintain a strong league status whilst pushing for glory in Europe, and Spurs, who are of course unaccustomed to playing in Europe's top competition as well as in the Premier League, may struggle over the course of next season. With teams like Villa, City and Liverpool looking to improve over the summer, Spurs may find it very tough to achieve a similar league position next season to where they finished this one.

In fact, it would in no way surprise me if Spurs failed to qualify for any European football competitions next term.

And let none of us forget that Leeds United, currently playing in the English third tier, were only a few seasons ago Champions League semi-finalists, but were also a club that overspent and overreached, and found themselves out of the Premier League. Worryingly for Spurs, this isn't a completely ludicrous possibility for them, mainly because of the man who is currently at the helm of the club.

Most people consider Harry Redknapp to be a good manager, and it's hard to argue that qualification for the Champions League isn't a major achievement. Yet Redknapp is a man who depends on spending money on new players rather than cultivating a side on a smaller budget. If you don't believe me, let's look at his last club, Portsmouth, who are still faced with the possibility of going out of existence due to the money they owe, and one of their primary faults during their boom period in the last couple of years was overspending on talent. And the man responsible for much of the money spent was Redknapp, a man who was also present at both Bournemouth and Southampton when they had their financial troubles, both of which continue for the respective clubs.

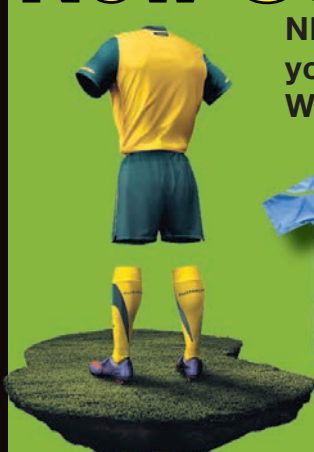
Disturbingly Harry suggested earlier on in the season that he needs more players, and if the Spurs directors are not careful, I truly believe that he will overspend in his pursuit of glory at Tottenham, and if he doesn't achieve what he and Spurs desire, then the club may be another team, like Leeds, who find themselves in major financial trouble.

Most of what I have pointed out is of course worst case scenario, and hopefully will not even look like happening. As a fan of the better club from North London, I'm not a huge admirer of anyone who plies their trade at White Heart Lane, but I genuinely do wish Spurs the best for next season. I hope they get into the Champions League proper, and I hope they produce some good displays. However, like I've said, they must be cautious, because although it seems this is the beginning of something big for those connected with Spurs, it could also just as easily, as Leeds found a few years ago, be the beginning of something bad for Tottenham Hotspur.

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SETANTA SPORTS

Monday 10th May
8:45am Serie A Napoli vs Atalanta
8pm Russian Premier League CSKA Moscow vs Terek LIVE

Wednesday 12th May
12:10am Russian Premier League Spartak Nalchik vs Lokomotiv Moscow LIVE
8:45am Copa Libertadores Teams TBC LIVE

Thursday 13th May
8:45am Copa Libertadores Teams TBC LIVE

Saturday 15th May
12:10am Russian Premier League Rubin Kazan vs CSKA Moscow LIVE
2pm J-League FC Tokyo vs Shimizu S-Pulse LIVE
8pm Russian Premier League Lokomotiv Moscow vs Amkar LIVE
11:20pm FA CUP FINAL Chelsea vs Portsmouth LIVE

Sunday 16th May
4am German Cup Final Bayern Munich vs Werder Bremen LIVE
7am Scottish Cup Final Ross County vs Dundee Utd
11pm Serie A Teams TBC LIVE

Monday 17th May
1:30am Serie A Teams TBC

Tuesday 18th May
7:30am Setanta Sports Cup Final St Patrick's vs Bohemians

Wednesday 19th May
8:45am Copa Libertadores Teams TBC LIVE

Thursday 20th May
4:30am International Austria vs Croatia LIVE
8:45am Copa Libertadores Teams TBC LIVE



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5:30 pm Futbol Mundial

Thursday May 13th, 2010
4:30 am UEFA Europa League Final - Live to all centres from Hamburg, Germany. Fulham v Atletico Madrid
10:00 pm UEFA Europa League Final 2009/2010 - Replay.

Saturday May 15th, 2010
5:30 pm Road to the 2010 FIFA World Cup - This episode looks at the chances of France and the USA at the 2010 FIFA World Cup Final.
6:00 pm Road to the 2010 FIFA World Cup - This episode looks at the chances of Italy and Australia at the 2010 FIFA World Cup Final.
10:30 pm 2010 FA Cup Final - Chelsea v Portsmouth. Live from Wembley Stadium.

Sunday May 16th, 2010
3:00 pm Football Asia - Provides the latest news and updates of the various football leagues across Asia.

3:30 pm UEFA Champions League Magazine Program - Catch the UEFA Champions League match-day wrap-up with hosts Les Murray and SBS Chief Football Analyst, Craig Foster.

4:00 pm Les Murray's Football Feature: 2010 FA Cup Final - Chelsea v Portsmouth. Replay of the match from Wembley Stadium.

5:00 pm The World Game - Presented by David Basheer and Craig Foster. Non-stop news, views, reviews, highlights, features and profiles on football from around the world plus all the results and news from the major competitions and tournaments. Includes commentary from current and former players.

6:00 pm Road To The 2010 FIFA World Cup - This episode looks at the chances of England and Greece at the 2010 FIFA World Cup Final.



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Mon May 10 EPL: Final Day Highlights Show 6.00 pm
Tues May 11 Fox Sports FC (Final) 8.30 pm
Wed May 12 CC Championship Playoffs: Semi-Final, Leg 2
Notts Forest v Blackpool 4.30 am LIVE
Wed May 12 Asian Champions League: Round of 16
Adelaide v Jeonbuk Motors 7.30 pm LIVE
Thurs May 13 CC Championship Playoffs: Semi-Final, Leg 2
Cardiff v Leicester 4.30 am LIVE



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Monday 10th May 2010
10:30 pm World Football News
11:30 pm Bundesliga Weekly Highlights
12:45 am The Serie A Highlights Show

Tuesday 11th May 2010
06:00 am Bundesliga (Rpt)

Wednesday 12th May 2010
12:45 am The Magic Of The FA Cup
06:00 am Serie A (Rpt)
08:00 am Bundesliga Weekly Highlights (Rpt)

Thursday 13th May 2010
12:45 am FA Classics Chelsea V Manchester United Final 06/07
01:15 am FA Classics Liverpool V West Ham United Final 05/06
01:45 am Bundesliga (Rpt) Hertha Berlin V Bayern Munich
03:45 am The Serie A Highlights Show (Rpt)
01:00 pm Bundesliga (Rpt)

Friday 14th May 2010
12:40 am FA Classics Portsmouth V Leeds United 4th Round 98/99
01:10 am FA Classics F.A. Cup 3rd Round 1999/00 Hull City V Chelsea
01:40 am FA Classics Chelsea V Arsenal 6th Round Replay 02/03
02:10 am Bundesliga Weekly Highlights (Rpt)
08:15 am The Serie A Highlights Show (Rpt)
01:00 pm Serie A (Rpt)

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All Aboard, the Quadraphonic Football Bandwagon Express

It's finally here. I have been waiting close to four years and finally I can get my Wallabies Jersey out, put on my Kangaroos socks and pump up my Italia 90 Soccer ball. That's right folks I'm here to ride the Quadraphonic football Bandwagon.

It's time for all the Football cool kids to come out. It does not matter if you have limited football knowledge as most of the players in the A League have a small football brain, so relax you are in fine company.

Here are a few tips and rules to make sure that you are fully attached to the Quadraphonic Football Bandwagon this World Cup. The key is to appear you have loved the game all your life even though you have never watched a game from start to finish, have never attended a live game or cannot explain the off side rule determining the difference between a player being active and inactive.

Who are The Players?

Australian fans need to know only three players. Harry Kewell, Tim Cahill and Lucas Neil. I have chosen players with the most Anglo Saxon sounding names so you don't get confused. No need for you ethnics to worry about this as you guys love the game already.

Remember Messi is from Argentina and Ronaldo is from Portugal. Unfortunately Beckham is injured so keep that in mind when you engage in football speak, knowing just a few simple facts already increases your football cred.

Who are The Teams?

Usually you have a couple of teams that you support because your home team will more than likely get knocked out early.

Because the World Cup is played by countries other than those who play Cricket and Rugby this may seem like information overload at the beginning.

There are 32 teams at this World Cup and it's a great way to catch up on your geography knowledge. Aussies love to travel so if you have been teaching English in Japan or been running with the bulls in Spain or getting naked at the Oktober fest in Germany you can choose that country as your second team and it



The fuzz keeps a close eye on the Johnny Come Lately bunch.

allows you to tell travel stories that hitherto have so far been ignored.

Alternatively you can pick a country you have never heard of like Slovenia as your second team. Make sure you remember one crazy fact about them and unleash this crazy piece of football trivia during one of the many World Cup themed parties that will be held during the finals. Again your football cred is rising!

What Clothing Should I wear?

Vintage is the Word. Spend a couple of days at a second hand clothes shop and if you find what appears to be an old Soccer jersey then get it. You will have a great story to tell on how you found it and your Football cred will rise.

However if you do pick an old Wallabies Jersey or a Limited Overs Cricket shirt then you will be made fun of by the Australian Football Supporter's Police (AFSP). The AFSP is always on patrol. They can be spotted easily, usually they

are wearing the latest replica shirt or the 1974 vintage shirt and have their name own name printed on the back of the shirt.

What do I chant?

As mentioned before the Australian Football Supporter's Police are always on patrol to make sure any band wagoners are not acting out of line with the AFSP code. One of the senior members of the AFSP will usually be leading the chants. At first this loud group chanting may seem lame and almost like a bad church psalm. Don't be so self conscious make sure you have drunk enough of the officially licensed beer. Yes its Budweiser this World Cup but harden up.

Now that you are well sloshed singing English themed chants with Australian words will not seem so pathetic if everyone is doing it around you. The whistling song from the film The Great Escape and yelling Aussie at the end of the whistle bit for three hours continually is a good

way to start. Don't get to cocky where you start wanting to start your own chants otherwise the AFSP will come down on you so hard they may never invite you to a football outing again. Remember not joining in the chanting makes you lose any football cred you may have gained earlier. The AFSP may even start chanting "sing or fuck off"

And do not chant Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, OI, OI, OI? Do I have to explain why?

Should I blame the Coach?

Always blame the coach. A scapegoat must be found early, this way when we lose you can funnel your anger in this direction; it will seem like to all around you that you are a football expert. What should I say?

Saying any of the below phrases during the Socceroos first game against Germany will get you invited to the next match and virtually seal your position from Band Wagoner supporter to a fully

fledged Socceroo supporter.

Say things like "Pim Verbeek is just a poor man's Gus Hiddink"
 "Tim Cahill can sure jump"
 "I really think we will miss Mark Viduka"
 "I miss Johnny Warren"
 "That Josh Kennedy sure is tall and he looks like Jesus"
 "I hope Harry doesn't injure his groin"
 "I hope Lucas Neil doesn't dive in again, even though that cheating Italian dived"
 "I hope Brett Holman doesn't play"
 "I wish Pim Verbeek would pick Nicky Carle he is the most blah blah"
 "Do you think Pim will play 4-2-3-1?"

This last line is optional. As a Band Wagoner you don't want to talk too much about tactics otherwise you may be engaged with a conversation you have no way of escaping, especially if it's a football purist (beware the football purists they are everywhere, they love saying that Italia 90 was the greatest World Cup and they wished the back pass rule was not in effect as they think it's introduction killed the game). Also if the conversation moves away from the World Cup and onto local football, be ready to suggest that European Football is much better than the A League. Nods of approval will swirl around the room and again your football cred will rise.

Do Not Join the Fanatics or Green and Gold Army Supporters Group

Joining any of these supporters group is the worst thing you can do. All it will do will is put you in direct contact with more band wagoners or football purists. Plus the proper football fan is independent of any groups or commercial entity that profits from football supporters groups. If you are at a World Cup football party make sure you make a comment about this and it's what you truly believe in. Again your football and indie cred will rise.

So by following these simple guidelines your football experience will be enhanced and who knows you may even enjoy yourself and may have found a new love for the beautiful game.

Well till the next World Cup anyway.....



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Chelsea in line for 'The Double'

By Matt Galea

In its 139th edition, the FA Cup has proven as exciting as ever, delighting us with a plethora of exciting football. Although the final will once again be contested between two Premier League clubs, the FA Cup has been anything but predictable this season, once again demonstrating the seemingly mystical element of the oldest cup tournament in association football.

Leeds stunning victory over Manchester United, at Old Trafford, and Reading's win over Liverpool after a third round replay set the tone for a tournament which continued to throw up unexpected results. Reading for one made it all the way to the quarter finals, whilst other Championship clubs such as Southampton, Crystal Palace, Derby County and West Bromwich Albion all made it to the preceding fifth round.

Deservedly however, this season's most consistent team in the cup will be rightly rewarded with a Wembley appearance on Saturday the 15th of May. Chelsea have been in tremendous form throughout this season's installment of the FA Cup. The fact that they have played more Championship sides than Premier League sides should not take away from the fact that they have played the competition's best football, a point which was well and truly driven home

when they defeated Aston Villa 3-0 in the semi-final.

In fact, in the five games Chelsea have played on the road to a second consecutive FA Cup final, the Blues have managed 16 goals, whilst only conceding one. Carlo Ancellotti has often proven his credentials in knock out competitions and whilst he will be disappointed with the nature of their defeat to Inter Milan in the Champions League, he will be understandably delighted with the performances his side has delivered in the FA Cup.

Portsmouth on the other hand will be playing for a second FA Cup title in three years, which would give the Pompey faithful a cause for joy in what has otherwise been a disastrous season. With relegation from the top flight being confirmed many weeks ago, after the club was hit with a ten point fine for entering administration, the Portsmouth fans will relish one more outing with one of England's biggest sides in an attempt to bow out like none other before. Portsmouth have without doubt ridden their luck at times, needing replays against Coventry City and Birmingham in four keenly contested games to progress, however an impressive 2-0 win over Tottenham, who recently sealed their Champions League qualification, in the semi finals will give the club all the hope they need that once again Portsmouth will persevere in what may seem an insurmountable task.

Unfortunately for Portsmouth however, many injury doubts hang over their key players such as Jamie O'Hara, Tal Ben-Haim, Aruna Dinadane, Aaron Mokoena, Hassan Yebda and, most recently, Richard Hughes. Should the majority of these players prove incapable of playing this coming Saturday, Portsmouth's manager Avram Grant will have little hope of enjoying any success over his former employees.

There are few doubts over who this season's FA Cup favorites are. Chelsea who, at the time of writing, could yet prove to be this season's English Premier League champions are without questions this weekend's favorites. Should they win, they will become only the second team in 17 years to accomplish the feat. However, one should err on the side of caution when predicting the outcome of FA Cup ties, after all, I doubt many counted on Portsmouth reaching Wembley either.

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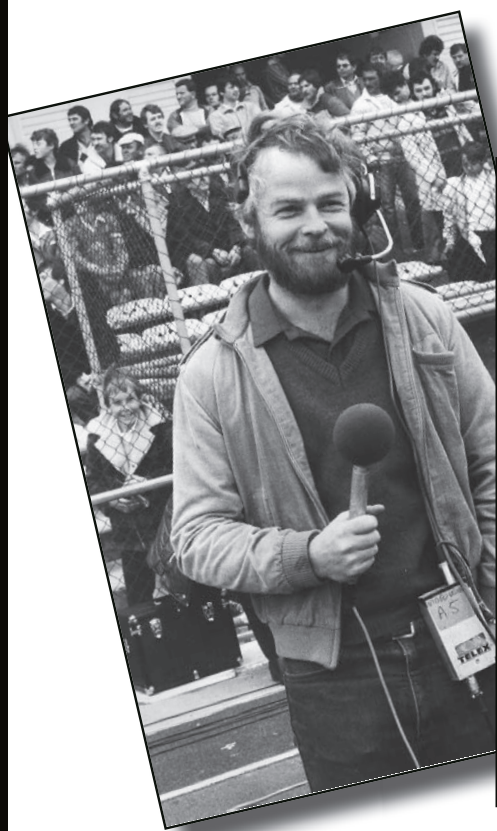


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Laurie Schwab



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Les Shorrock

This major exhibition is based on the Les Shorrock and Laurie Schwab collections of photographs of football (soccer) in Australia and overseas held by Deakin University at its Waterfront campus in Geelong. There are also pictures from other professional and amateur photographers, including Goal! Weekly's Daniel Flis and Sydney Low.

The period covered is from the late nineteenth century to the present day.

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REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS: Olyroos, WA State Team
CHILDHOOD FOOTBALL HERO: Zidane
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FAVOURITE CURRENT SOCCEROO: Jason Culina
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MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: My brother, Daniel
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WHAT ARE YOUR WEAKNESSES: Scoring headers
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FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Tennis
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTSPERSON: Michael Jordan
FAVOURITE FOODS: Pasta, fish, chocolate
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David Micevski

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NEW TOWN EAGLES

SEASON 2010



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Back Row (L-R): Peter Wass (trainer), Iqtadar, Jamie Vernon, Jacob Clapp, Michael Anderson, Nathan Pitchford, Alex Leszczynski, Steve Louden, Chris Wass (captain), George Krambousanos (coach). Front Row (L-R): Ben Whitehall, Shane Kent, Simon Strang, Andrew Clark, Ethan Menzie, Mark Page, Adam McKeown.

New Town Eagles Football Club competes in the Tasmanian Southern Premier League. The club also fields teams in all junior divisions, as well as women's teams. New Town Eagles play their home games at Clare Street, in New Town.

The club began life as White Eagle, who proudly represented the Polish migrant community in Tasmania. Many Poles came to Tasmania immediately after World War II to seek a new life and better conditions following the devastation of the war, and many of them found it too. Many Poles who came to Tasmania found good jobs on the dangerous but well paid giant dam-build- ing schemes of the then "Hydro-Electric Com-

mission" (now Hydro Tasmania). These new mi- grants brought many of their traditions with them from home, one of which of course was football. White Eagle was formed in 1962, and enjoyed immediate success, winning the KO Cup in their first year. White Eagle first entered the Southern Premier League in 1964, although some of their players may have previously represented the failed Hydro side which played in the competi- tion from 1955 until 1957. The team entered the top tier of the southern competition after winning the first division in only their second season of existence in 1963.

Throughout their history White Eagles drew strongly from the migrant Polish community, and this has continued after being forced to change their name to New Town Eagles in 1997 when it was decided all Australian football clubs should end their ethnic affiliations. As of 2006, New Town Eagles have been less successful in the Southern Premier League, but still managed to win the State Championship 8 times, makingg them equal second with Hobart Zebras on the all time winners list. They enjoyed a great run in the short lived Tasmanian State League in the late 1980s winning the competition from 1988 to 1991 every year.

Moore is less as appearance quashed

By Jarrod Ellis

Round 7 of the 2010 Hyundai QSL kicked off on Saturday night with three games across the state, Brisbane Strikers playing host to QAS in Brisbane, whilst Whitsunday Miners travelled to Borzi Park to play FNQ Bulls and Capricorn Cougars faced NQ Razorbacks.

The match at Perry Park between the Strikers and QAS had been anticipated to be the first appearance of Craig Moore in the QSL but those hopes were dashed in an announcement on Friday by FFA officials.

Moore, who has been training with Brisbane Strikers for the past three weeks, had been waiting for a clearance from his previous club, Kavala in Greece, received the appropriate paperwork on Wednesday.

However Football Federation Australia, which had calculated that the potential gains to Moore's fitness from playing two Hyundai QSL matches outweighed the possibility of him getting injured in those games, revised its opinion this week. In a sign of just how important the national body believes Moore is to Australia's World Cup campaign, it advised the club that it felt the fitness gains for Moore from playing just one match no longer outweighed the risks to him and that it would prefer to call him into camp on 12 May without match practice under his belt.

With that disappointing news fresh in their minds Brisbane welcomed QAS to Perry Park. The 2010 QAS squad has to this point proven a disappointment as they've struggled to contain bigger, stronger QSL sides. The visitor's hopes would have been bolstered by the news of Moore's withdrawal and a Brisbane side severely weakened by injuries and suspension.

Despite fielding a side lacking six first team players Brisbane dominated possession in the opening stages of the match. The quality of play in the final third of the pitch was disappointing from both sides, neither managing to greatly trouble the other's defence.

The first genuine chance of the match didn't arrive until the 27th minute and in an indication of the quality of play it was QAS's keeper Tim Anderson who provided the chance for Brisbane. The young keeper attempted to play the ball out along the ground to his right-back but didn't put enough power behind the pass. This enabled Reagan Alder to sneak in and steal the ball, but he proved unable to capitalise on the opportunity, blasting over from ten yards.

That passage of play would prove to be the highlight of the first half as both sides put in poor performances.

Things didn't get too much better after the break as QAS continued to



The race is on as Jo Rusch (Bulls Midfielder) competes with the Miners defence.. PHOTOS: JIM HATCHMAN



Bulls striker David Ruiz on the ball as Miners players close in. PHOTOS: JIM HATCHMAN

struggle to get a shot on target and the Strikers sent in one wide cross after another.

It wasn't until the 63rd minute that the scoring would finally open as Brisbane took a 1-0 lead. As the QAS midfield stood and watched, Jason Shade lofted a ball over the top of the QAS back line, Alder and Angus running onto the ball as it came down. The first bounce was a high one and Alder used his height to good effect to get his head to the ball as it came down a second time, working it loose for Angus to stride into the penalty area and lash a left-footed shot past Anderson.

Brisbane seemed energised after the goal and dominated play, but were unable to find a second goal and this inability to finish the game off would come back to haunt them.

In the 89th minute of the match QAS forward Ben Halloran found himself with the ball in the Brisbane penalty area. Before the young striker could get a shot off though, Brisbane defender Ben Griffin slid across with a cover tackle, making contact with Halloran who fell to the ground. Referee Martin Krene had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Halloran got to his feet to slot the spot-kick beyond White's outstretched hands and give the QAS a valuable draw.

LADDER										
	P	W	D	L	For	Ag	GD	Pts		
1 Sunshine Coast	7	7	0	0	26	10	16	21		
2 Brisbane Strikers	7	4	1	2	15	6	9	13		
3 NQ Razorbacks	7	4	1	2	14	6	8	13		
4 FNQ Bulls	7	4	0	3	17	17	0	12		
5 Whitsunday Miners	6	2	1	3	7	10	-3	7		
6 Capricorn Cougars	7	2	1	4	8	14	-6	7		
7 Q A of S	6	1	1	4	11	20	-9	4		
8 Bundaberg Spirit	7	0	1	6	3	18	-15			

RESULTS										
Queensland Academy of Sport 1 Brisbane Strikers FC 1										
Capricorn Cougars 0 NQ McDonald's Razorbacks 5										
FNQ Bulls 1 Whitsunday Miners 2										
Sunshine Coast FC 5 Bundaberg Spirit 0										

NEXT ROUND										
ROUND 8										
NQ Razorbacks v Bundaberg Spirit Sat 15 May 7:30pm										
FNQ Bulls v Sunshine Coast FC Sat 15 May 8:00pm										
Capricorn Cougars v Brisbane Strikers Sun 16 May 2:00pm										
QAS v Whitsunday Miners Sun 16 May 2:00pm										

Elsewhere, Whitsunday produced an excellent result when they travelled to Borzi Park, defeating FNQ Bulls on their home ground.

A fortnight after coach Jon Sowter left the club after failing to come to a contract agreement with the club, the Miners backed up their win against Bundaberg with a 2-1 defeat of the Bulls.

With Kevin Nguyen and Kyle McBurney returning from injury the visitors fielded their strongest side of the year and it showed in their performance. Against the Bulls, who have been one of the form sides of the QSL to date, the Miners put in a confident display, defending well and taking the chances that presented themselves. Tyson Masters and Corey Hooper proved to be the key men for Whitsunday as they both poached second half goals that gave their side what would prove to be an insurmountable 2-0 lead.

The Bulls fought hard, their impressive forward line of George Koroma, George Slefendorfas and David Ruiz has been a real strength so far this season but they proved unable to break down the Miners defence. Joe Rusch did get on the scoresheet for the home side though, scoring from the penalty spot in the 87th minute, but it was too little too late.

Away results seemed the order of the round as NQ Razorbacks dismantled the Capricorn Cougars defence in a 5-0 rout. The Cougars defence had shown significant improvement on their performances last season but they had no answers as the Razorbacks ran riot, five separate players getting their names on the scoresheet.



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Marconi rolls on!

By Mike Salter

Marconi remained on top of the NSW Premier League after a dramatic 3-2 win over Sydney Olympic at Belmore on Saturday evening. Olympic, whose coach Pat Marando was sacked during the week, went into half-time with a two-goal lead, but two penalties from Marconi captain Nahuel Arrarte and a goal from young Nathan Jagelman saw the visitors come away with all three points.

The other ten teams were in action on Sunday. Blacktown City, still riding the wave of their dramatic win over Sydney United last week, moved into clear second with a 2-1 home win over Bankstown, their opponents in the 2007 grand final. An early Blacktown goal was equalised just after the interval, but the hosts secured the victory six minutes from time.

Sydney United recovered from last week's shock defeat to down Manly United at Cromer Park with two second-half goals. The Croatian-backed club thereby moved into third spot, only a win away from leaders Marconi. The APIA-Leichhardt Tigers continued their recent revival, securing an away win against the South Coast Wolves with a goal just before the hour.

Level on points going into the game, Rockdale City and the Sutherland Sharks could not trouble the scorers at Bicentennial Park, the 0-0 draw leaving the two sides in joint fifth place on the ladder. In Sunday's other game, the Bonnyrigg White Eagles were forced to share the points at the Sydney Olympic Athletic Centre against the West Sydney Berries. Details of that one follow.

West Sydney Berries 1-1 Bonnyrigg White Eagles
An injury-time own goal was required to give competition favourites Bonnyrigg a share of the points against an intermittently lively Berries side, in an encounter which promised more than it delivered.

Although Bonnyrigg's ex-Melbourne Victory striker Nathan Elasi had the first chance of the afternoon, curling a shot wide from the left, the opening minutes belonged to the hosts. The Berries looked smooth and incisive in the middle third, Stefan de Jesus in particular drifting menacingly between midfield and attack.

Lone striker Fadi Ghosson sent a cross-shot wide of the Bonnyrigg goal on 10 minutes, and two minutes later Ghosson, peeling out to the left, fed Jesse Pinto in the middle, whose piledriver was blocked on the way to goal.

It was no surprise when the Berries opened the scoring soon afterwards. Outpacing Paul Cotte to a through-ball, Ghosson rode the clumsy tackle of Ali Akbal in the Bonnyrigg goal and finished smartly with his right foot.

The Berries retained the initiative in the aftermath of the goal. de Jesus sent a crisp volley just over the bar on 24 minutes, and with Ghosson's unselfish running complemented by the movement out of midfield, the home side always looked likely to add to their score.

Gradually Bonnyrigg pulled themselves back into the game. A good run and cross on the left from Shane Webb was flicked on by Brad Boardman to Elasi at the far post; although the youngster got plenty of power on his shot, Hamish McLean managed to block it. Then a slick midfield move from

the Berries ended with a fine cross-shot from Dimitri Zakilas on the right, which Akbal held at full stretch.

There were two more chances for the home side before the break; first de Jesus tried an audacious chip from twenty-five yards, the attempt just missing its mark, and then Ghosson was left with the goal at his mercy following an error from Wade Oostendorp, but contrived to shoot straight at Akbal.

The second half began with chances at both ends. Pinto whipped in a shot from the left which just cleared the Bonnyrigg bar, and a minute later a sumptuous pass from Jamie McMaster reached Elasi on the Bonnyrigg right. The former Victory man blasted just wide of the far post.

On 50 minutes, Berries captain David Gardiner was injured by a Brad Boardman rocket, giving way to Daniel Clifford in central defence. The substitute was later to play an unfortunate role in proceedings.

Another substitute, Bonnyrigg's Julio Cesar Chavez, volleyed wide on the turn five minutes later. Just after the hour, the away side were lucky not to be reduced to ten when Cotte fouled Pinto horribly by the left touchline; the Bonnyrigg defender was given only a yellow card for what many considered a red-card offence.

Fullback Peter Peralta had two good chances for the Berries in the succeeding minutes, first curling in a free kick from the left which almost crept in at the far post, and then volleying just wide from a cross from Damir Prodanovic, who had come on for the hard-working Ghosson.

Although Bonnyrigg now committed several men to attack, they were still somewhat languid in their build-up play, and it was the hosts who had several chances to make the game safe as the clock ran down. Two substitutes combined when Prodanovic had a powerful shot from Ryan Jones' cut-back blocked, the ball rebounding to de Jesus, who attempted an extraordinary overhead kick from 20 yards which only just drifted over the bar.

A minute later, Sash Tirovski blasted the ball wide from the edge of the area, and Prodanovic was in the action again when Kosta Lagoudakis' clever pass released him on the right. Oostendorp got in a crucial challenge.

The last of the Berries' many chances to score a second arrived in the 86th minute, when Pinto slashed a shot at goal from a tight angle on the right. Akbal made an excellent save, and, were we to know it, the hosts' chances of sealing the points had gone.

As so often, it was the left foot of Daniel Severino, who had been very quiet up to that point, that brought a goal for Bonnyrigg at long last. Taking a corner from the right in the first minute of injury time, Severino sent in a vicious inswinger which sailed over a crowded penalty area and bounced into the goal off the thigh of the unlucky Daniel Clifford.

There were no more serious chances, and the game ended level. A lucky escape for Brian Brown's star-studded Bonnyrigg side.

Top: Action from the NSW Premier League between Sutherland and Rockdale City Suns.

Bottom: Action from the Marconi and Sydney Olympic match..

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NSW LADDER				
	P	W	L	Pts
Marconi Stallions	11	8	1	26
Blacktown City FC	11	7	1	24
Sydney United	11	7	2	23
Bonnyrigg White Eagles	11	6	1	22
Sutherland Sharks	11	4	5	14
Rockdale City Suns	11	3	3	14
APIA Leichhardt Tigers	11	4	6	13
Sydney Olympic	11	3	7	10
West Sydney Berries	11	2	5	10
South Coast Wolves	11	2	6	9
Manly United FC	11	2	6	9
Bankstown City	11	2	7	8

NSW RESULTS				
NSW PREMIER LEAGUE: ROUND 11:				
FIRST GRADE: Sydney Olympic 2 (Matthew Mayora 38/45m) Marconi Stallions 3 (Nahuel Arrarte 60m pen/70m pen Nathan Jagelman 69m). Rockdale City Suns 0 Sutherland Sharks 0, Manly United 0 Sydney United 2 (Ante Tomic 47m Mirijan Pavlovic 73m), West Sydney Berries 1 (Fadi Ghosson 14m) Bonnyrigg White Eagles 1 (Own Goal 91m), South Coast Wolves 0 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 1, Blacktown City FC 2 (Ante Deur 4/84m) Bankstown City Lions 1 (Damien Brosque 46m).				
GRADE 20: Sydney Olympic 3 Marconi Stallions 2. Rockdale City Suns 5 Sutherland Sharks 2, Manly United 1 Sydney United 0, West Sydney Berries 0 Bonnyrigg White Eagles 3, South Coast Wolves 4 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 2, Blacktown City FC 0 Bankstown City Lions 2.				
GRADE 18: Sydney Olympic 0 Marconi Stallions 1. South Coast Wolves 6 APIA Leichhardt Tigers 2, Blacktown City FC 5 Bankstown City Lions 2.				
NSW SUPER LEAGUE: ROUND 8: FIRST GRADE: Dulwich Hill 1 (R Bove 85m) FC Bossy Liverpool 1 (D Wilson 75m), Granville Rage 3 (N Bobo 19/36m P Cappuccio 34m pen) Spirit FC 1 (B Gough 65m), Sydney University 2 (C Lima 57m C Soares 76m) Fraser Park 1 (L Gunn 4m), St George FC 2 (R Maekawa 28m R Lagos 93m) Central Coast Lightning 2 (N Moseley 17m D Cooper 87m). Northern Tigers 2 (T Spencer x 1 S Park x 1) Parramatta Eagles 1 (D Fogarty 2m), Mt Druitt Town Rangers 1 (G Kondek 88m) Macarthur Rams 3 (S Messam 63m C Gomez 81/85m).				
GRADE 20: Dulwich Hill 3 FC Bossy Liverpool 1, Granville Rage 0 Spirit FC 2, Sydney University 1 Fraser Park 1, St George FC 0 Central Coast Lightning 4. Northern Tigers 1 Parramatta Eagles 1, Mt Druitt Town Rangers 0 Macarthur Rams 4.				
STATE LEAGUE DIVISION ONE: ROUND 8: FIRST GRADE: Balmain SC 1 (L Merlino 95m) Blacktown Spartans 1 (S Zahra 35m), Schofields Scorpions 3 (L Boyd 19m pen D Southern 63m W Stuart 79m) UNSW 3 (Byrne 55m T Quilty 74m S Anastasopoulos 90m), Mounties Wanderers 0 Hills Brumbies 1 (B Mitrovich 90m). Gladesville Ryde Magic 3 (A Kabbara 5/60m A McKie 81m) Hurstville ZFC 0, Fairfield City Lions 4 (Y Ekinci 42/79m R Eather 67m O Cetinay 75m) Stanmore Hawks 2 (E Squillacioti 83m D Koroma 93m), Camden Tigers 1 (A Smutek 24m) Inter Lions 3 (J Gonzalez 43m J Hall 87m A Uccchino 94m).				

NEXT ROUND				
Round 12				
7pm Sat 15/May S'land Sharks v Syd Olympic				
Seymour Shaw Park				
3pm Sun 16/May Rockdale City Suns v Syd Utd				
Bicentennial Park Sth				
3pm Sun 16/May Manly Utd v Bankstown City				
Cromer Park				
3pm Sun 16/May APIA L'hardt Tigers v Blacktown City				
Leichhardt Oval				
3pm Sun 16/May West Syd Berries v Marconi Stallions				
Sydney Olympic Athletic Centre				
3pm Sun 16/May Sth Coast Wolves v B'rigg White Eagles				
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Rivals lose ground on South Hobart

By Walter Pless

South Hobart could be 8 points ahead of their nearest rivals at the top of the Forestry Tasmania Southern Premier League by the end of the weekend.

By Saturday, they led second-placed Glenorchy Knights by 5 points after the latter could only play out a scoreless draw away to fifth-placed New Town Eagles at Clare Street.

A win for leaders South Hobart against fourth-placed Kingborough Lions United away at Lightwood Park on Sunday would give them an 8-point lead over Knights.

Knights have had a disastrous week. Their coach, Eamonn Kelly, resigned on the morning of the match against Eagles. He had been sent from the bench on the previous weekend and incurred a two-match ban, but the club suspended him for four games and he has still to appear before a Football Federation Tasmania disciplinary tribunal.

And Knights midfielder-cum-striker Corey Smith was against sent off. It was his second dismissal of the league season.

Third-placed Tilford Zebras fell further off the pace when they lost 4-3 to Taroona for the first time ever in the top flight.

Taroona raced to a 3-0 lead in 22 minutes as they took advantage of terrible defending by the Zebras.

Garry Hamilton put Taroona ahead from Jack Elliott's pass after just three minutes, while Hugo Luttmner made it 2-0 in the 13th minute.

Toby Dove turned in David Abbott's low cross from the left in the 22nd minute for Taroona's third.

Abbott, signed last week from South Hobart, is proving a useful acquisition for Taroona, who were promoted this year from Division One. In his two games for the club, he has provided two assists for Dove and scored one goal - a penalty - himself.

Zebras rallied in the second half and a hat-trick by Ben Crosswell drew them level at 3-3 with just six minutes remaining.

Disaster struck for Zebras in the first minute of stoppage time when captain Andrew Telega fouled Hamilton and Abbott tucked home the spot-kick to give Taroona a 4-3 victory.

The stalemate between New Town Eagles and Glenorchy Knights was a controversial affair.

Amadu Koroma went close for Knights and Adam McKeown for Eagles in a first half that boiled over on the stroke of half-time when Koroma lunged at Eagles keeper Nathan Pitchford as he collected the ball.

Pitchford knocked Koroma down and was fortunate not to receive a red card. After consulting his assistant, the referee showed a yellow card to both



Glenorchy Knights' Shane Kent (left) vies for possession with Glenorchy Knights' Alex Holmes. PHOTO: WALTER PLESS

players.

In the second half, McKeown again went close for Eagles, while the Knights' Mynonge Kamba and Koroma both headed against the Eagles crossbar.

Smith was shown a yellow card for a foul on Pitchford and was then sent off near the end after a second yellow card following his foul on Josh Quan.

Olympia Warriors are having a disastrous year and set a new Olympia club record when they went ten matches without a win. They are celebrating their fiftieth anniversary this year, so they needed this new club record like a hole in the head.

Last Sunday, they drew 2-2 with Taroona, while on Saturday night they lost 3-1 away to Clarence United.

Kosta Grillas and Lee Mason netted Olympia's goals against Taroona, who replied through Toby Dove, who netted both goals from David Abbott crosses.

Against Clarence, Grillas gave Olympia the lead, but goals by Andy Barron, Ben Parker and Luke Huigsloot gave Clarence the three points.

In the Forestry Tasmania Northern Premier League, Northern Rangers and Launceston City drew 3-3, Riverside Olympic succumbed 3-2 at home against Ulverstone, Devonport City beat Burnie United 4-1 away at Montello, and visiting Somerset overcame Launceston United 4-3.

NORTH RESULTS	
Northern Rangers 3	Launceston City 3
Riverside Olympic 2	Ulverstone 3
Burnie United 1	Devonport City 4
Launceston United 3	Somerset 4

SOUTH RESULTS	
Tilford Zebras 3	Taroona 4
New Town Eagles 0	Glenorchy Knights 0
Clarence United 3	Hobart Olympia 1
Kingborough Lions 1	South Hobart 4

NORTH LADDER	
	P W D L F A Pts
Devonport City	6 5 0 1 26 9 15
Northern Rangers	6 4 2 0 22 10 14
Riverside Olympic	6 3 1 2 12 8 10
Prospect Knights	6 3 1 2 17 17 10
Ulverstone	6 3 1 2 17 11 10
Burnie United	7 3 0 4 25 16 9
Somerset	6 3 0 3 14 21 9
Launceston City	6 2 0 4 14 14 6
Launceston United	7 0 0 7 7 47 0

SOUTH LADDER	
	P W D L F A Pts
South Hobart	9 8 1 0 25 5 25
Glenorchy Knights	8 5 2 1 23 11 17
Tilford Zebras	9 4 2 3 21 20 14
Kingborough Lions	9 3 2 4 12 17 14
Clarence United	9 2 4 3 13 17 10
New Town Eagles	9 2 3 4 16 16 9
Taroona	8 2 2 4 15 22 8
Hobart Olympia	9 0 2 7 9 26 2

NEXT ROUND	
Round 8	
Saturday 22nd May	
Prospect Knights v Launceston United	Harley Parade 2.30pm
Northern Rangers v Somerset	NTCA 2.30pm
Ulverstone v Launceston City	Ulverstone Showgrounds 2.30pm
Devonport City v Riverside Olympic	Valley Road 2.30pm
Burnie United	- Bye

NEXT ROUND	
Round 10	
Saturday 22nd May	
New Town Eagles v Hobart Olympia	Clare Street 2.30pm
Kingborough Lions v Tilford Zebras	Lightwood Park 2.30pm
Clarence United v Taroona	Wentworth Park 2 6.30pm
Sunday 23rd May	
South Hobart v Glenorchy Knights	South Hobart 2.30pm



Glenorchy Knights' Mynonge Kamba beats Glenorchy Knights' Shane Kent (on ground). PHOTO: WALTER PLESS

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The one that got away for Galaxy

By Nat Adamopoulos

Round 6 of the FFSA Super League left Adelaide Galaxy coach Carl Maynard bitterly disappointed as his lads missed a perfect opportunity to move to second place on the ladder after a 1-1 draw against poor performers Raiders at Con Makris Park on Saturday night.

Despite both sides taking some time to settle into the game, it was Galaxy that had most of the run of play throughout the match. Raiders welcomed back keeper Jason Delfos after an absence of 4 weeks due to injury, the game testing his injured finger on many occasions. Galaxy's first real opportunity to score came in the 20th minute from a set play with midfielder Steven Kidd getting onto a ball from a corner kick, his header shaving just wide of the far post. Joe Wright (Adelaide United Youth Team) played his way into the match with his tough UK style of football, unfortunately missing a sitter in the 23rd minute after misqueuing a kick with the ball going well wide of Delfos' left post. Just two minutes later Michael Debono looked well on the way to posting the first goal for his side, being provided with a great ball from a clever flick-on by Wright, running through the centre of the park to be one-on-one with Delfos committing early to come off his line, but Debono's shot trickling past the far post. The Raiders were kept on the back foot by the home-side, but on the few occasions they did break through to surge forward, the Galaxy back line were successful in smothering the advances of Craig Goodwin, Nic Kuzman and Paul Mackee. Galaxy's Brett Rayner was given a chance to put the first score on the board in the 35th minute from a cross, instead mistiming his header with the ball going to ground and over the bye line. Referee Dave Alberton was kept busy administering words of warning and eventually a couple of cards to Galaxy's Wright and Jake Markham to keep the game in check. Staying scoreless at the half time break and having his lads put under the pump for the first 45 minutes, Raiders coach John Duthie knew his side were still in the match but had to play a better brand of football to get anything out of the second half.

Galaxy made the job difficult for Duthie's men, a chance gone begging within the first ten minutes of the second half when Evan Metanomski had a glancing header at goal, but as the trend of the night went, yet another shot went wide of its target. Then finally a breakthrough for Galaxy in the 55th minute, as a free kick was awarded just outside the box, this time Metanomski making no mistake with his downward header finding the back of the net. To their credit Raiders didn't drop their heads, instead equalizing within two minutes care of forward Nic Kuzman as he broke free from three defenders, Kuzman running on and slotting a ball from a throw in past the diving Galaxy keeper Ryan Veitch. In the 61st minute of the match a somewhat controversial moment after Jake Markham was brought down by Raiders defender Dalibor Barisic, Kidd taking the free kick quickly and arcing the ball into the net but being disallowed because it was taken before the referee's whistle had blown. His second take was blasted straight into the Raiders wall and the temporary excitement of homeside fans was all gone. Raiders danger and go-to man Richie Alagich was kept quiet for the match, only having the rare opportunity to drive one of his bullet shots in, coach Maynard obviously doing his homework on their key player. Momentum switched to the Raiders in the 66th minute as Barisic had a chance to put his side in the lead with his close range shot into the congested box, the ball ricocheting like a pin ball eventually being de-



Raiders keeper Jason Delfos having his injured right finger tested throughout the match.
PHOTOS: ADAM BUTLER

flected out for Kuzman to take a second bite at the cherry with a backward scissor kick but deemed offside.

With 15 minutes to go Maynard made a quality double substitution, replacing his midfielder Kidd for Steven DiGiovanello and Wright off for striker Shaun McGreevy to inject some fresh legs into his side, his opponent Duthie making his own change bringing on young in form forward Dylan Willcocks for tiring Matthew Muscroft. The changes kept both sides strong but did not make any huge impact on the game. With ten minutes to go and unable to penetrate the Raiders defence for the winner, Maynard was pleading with his chargers to work hard and keep things simple. Raiders Mackee could've had his name up in lights right on the final whistle but gave the ball a little too much, the shot being deflected and over the bar to keep the game all tied up. A very despondent Maynard walked off the pitch knowing full well that this was the one that got away, not happy with the quality of work from his side. "This was a game that we should've taken 3 points from and that would've taken us to second spot on the table. The quality of our passing was poor at times, we have to be more clinical in front of goal and we lost points because we missed opportunities and wasted chances. We have to put it right."

In other matches from the weekend, Western Strikers came out giant killers at their home ground Carnegie Reserve, downing 19 times title holders Adelaide City 3-0. With a sudden coaching change at City, Charlie Villani parting company with the club and former coach Damian Mori taking up his place in the box, the Black and Whites never seemed to get their natural game going, the Strikers taking control with their usual hard hitting, physical brand of football. Despite hav-

ing their forward Nick Budin back from his hamstring injury, the usual deadly Fred Agius/Nick Budin partnership just didn't get off the ground in this match, the Strikers defence and midfield working overtime to ensure that didn't happen. The rewards came for the homeside half-way through the first half through a solid goal by UK import Chris Middleton. City seemed to be all over the shop not the usual disciplined side we see, Budin having random shots wherever he could but Strikers keeper Sam Lennon putting on a good display of his keeping skills that pleased the home crowd. Once midfielder David Paladino sustained a knock to the knee and was unable to take any further part in the match, things just went from bad to worse for City. Strikers dug in deep and were able to score another two goals through Felipe DaSilva and Andreas Weins. DaSilva entertained the fans with his silky skills and uncanny ability to outmaneuver his opponents time after time after time. Youngster Jordan Spadavecchia showed off his football talents, running all day and many times being a part of most attacking advances his work rate unbelievable, giving coach Aldo Maric plenty to smile about for not only now but the future of the club. The huge result has put the Strikers in fourth spot on the ladder, sending many doubters going away to eat their words of predicting that the Strikers would be certain relegation contenders.

Despite club stalwart Con Karritevlis scoring a brace at Weigall Oval, the Adelaide Cobras underwent a shellacking from top of the table champions MetroStars, with a 2-7 loss that brings the club back down to earth and back to the drawing board. The big loss sends them plummeting down to eighth spot with 1 win, 1 draw and 4 losses and a lot to think about over the next few weeks for coach Maurice Natale. Meanwhile Metrostars are

still undefeated and show that they are not dependant on one single player to score goals each week with six different players getting their name on the scoreboard Michael Matricciani scoring a brace, with a single each coming from Dino Kristo, Joseph Polisen, Adam Van Donommele, Jackson Groves and Daniel Mettyear. At Marden Sports Complex Adelaide Blue Eagles defeated Cumberland United 4-1 with Kym Harris scoring a double and Adam Vizzari and Chad Bugeja with singles, while Brenton Macdonald was the lone scorer for the Foxes. The other night game saw Para Hills Knights get their first win for the season after they defeated the Campbelltown City Red Devils with a single goal from Matthew Mullen the only one scored on the night. The win boosts their position to seventh on the table, keeping them in touch with the top five only 4 points away from what potentially could be second spot giving coach Kenny Tosh something to spur his players on with.



Galaxy's Steven Kidd and raiders Richie Alagich testing the elasticity of playing strips
PHOTOS: ADAM BUTLER

SA RESULTS

DEVINE HOMES SUPER LEAGUE Round 6 Results		
Adelaide Galaxy 1 (E.Metanomski)		
Raiders 1 (N.Kuzman)	(HT 0-0)	
Best – Galaxy (Not Provided)	Raiders (Not Provided)	
Res – Galaxy 5 Raiders 1		
U19 – Galaxy 1 Raiders 1		
Para Hills 1 (Ma.Mullen)		
Campbelltown City 0	(HT 0-0)	
Best – Para Hills (D.Bounds, Ma.Mullen, A.Mullen)		
Campbelltown (M.Deegan, M.Menechella, V.Parhas)		
Res – Para Hills 1 Campbelltown 3		
U19 – Para Hills 3 Campbelltown 3		
Adelaide Blue Eagles 4 (K.Harris 2, A.Vizzari, C.Bugeja)		
Cumberland United 1 (B.Macdonald)	(HT 2-0)	
Best – Blue Eagles (K.Harris, F.Filietti, D.Crettenden)		
Cumberland (N.Young, D.Carter, B.Macdonald)		
Res – Blue Eagles 2 Cumberland 2		
U19 – Blue Eagles 2 Cumberland 2		
Adelaide Cobras 2 (K.Karritevlis 2)		
MetroStars 7 (M.Matricciani 2, D.Kristo, J.Polisen, A.Van Dommele, J.Groves, D.Mettyear)	(HT 0-2)	
Best – Cobras (Nor Provided)		
MetroStars (A.Van Dommele, I.Karlovic, M.Matricciani)		
Res – Cobras 0 MetroStars 4		
U19 – Cobras 0 MetroStars 4		
Western Strikers 3 (C.Middleton, F.DaSilva, A.Weins)		
Adelaide City 1 (N.Budin)	(HT 1-0)	
Best – Strikers (F.DaSilva, Y.Sudic, J.Spadavecchia)		
Adel City (N.Budin, L.Ostbye, J.D'Arisie)		
Res – Strikers 2 Adel City 7		
U19 – Strikers 1 Adel City 2		

DEVINE HOMES PREMIER LEAGUE		
Modbury 3 (S.Pearce 2, M.Francis)		
Enfield City 0	(HT 0-0)	
Best – Modbury (P.Reilly, A.Solagna, M.Kelly)	Enfield	
(D.Martinez, J.Lagana, D.Parhas)		
Res – Modbury 5 Enfield 0		
U19 – Modbury 3 Enfield 0		
Adelaide Hills 2 (S.Bowman, N.Elliott)		
Croydon 1 (L.Klimek)	(HT 0-1)	
Best – Adel Hills(A.Paice, N.Elliott, C.Robinson)		
Croydon (L.Klimek, R.Gray, A.Harous)		
Res – Adel Hills 0 Croydon 1		
U19 – Adel Hills 3 Croydon 4		
Pirates 3 (V.Ribeiro, N.Tattolli, K.McFadyen)		
West Adelaide 1 (P.Veloudos)	(HT 1-0)	
Best – Pirates (J.Mavromatis, C.Alagich, M.Markham)		
West Adel (G.Belegas, B.Weaver, D.Reynolds)		
Res – Pirates 3 West Adel 1		
U19 – Pirates 3 West Adel 5		
Salisbury United 1 (J.Miller)		
Adelaide Olympic 0	(HT 0-0)	
Best – Salisbury (S.Marron, M.Clayton, R.Harris)		
Olympic (A.landorio, P.Pezos, D.Nicholls)		
Res – Salisbury 2 Olympic 2		
U19 – Salisbury 1 Olympic 2		
White City Woodville 2 (S.Jovanovic, M.Tosic)		
Adelaide Comets 3 (R.Mitchell 2, F.Maraftiot)	(HT 2-1)	
Best – White City (M.Keens, M.Tosic, A.Jackson)		
Comets (T.Tsoumis, N.Fleetwood, N.Day)		
Res – White City 2 Comets 3		
U19 – White City 0 Comets 5		

SUPER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
MetroStars	6	5	1	0	25	10	15	16
Adelaide Blue Eagles	6	3	1	2	15	9	6	10
Adelaide Galaxy	6	2	4	0	8	4	4	10
Western Strikers	6	3	1	2	14	12	2	10
Campbelltown City	6	3	1	2	8	9	-1	10
Adelaide City	6	3	1	2	9	11	-2	10
Para Hills	6	1	3	2	6	10	-4	6
Adelaide Cobras	6	1	1	4	9	19	-10	4
Raiders	6	0	3	3	5	8	-3	3
Cumberland Utd	6	1	0	5	13	20	-7	3

NEXT ROUND

Round 7

Sat 15/05/2010

Campbelltown vs Adelaide Cobras
3pm Newton Village Sports Complex
Cumberland Utd vs Adelaide Galaxy
3pm Bailey Reserve
Raiders vs Western Strikers
3pm Croatian Sports Centre
Sun 16/05/2010
MetroStars vs Adelaide Blue Eagles
3pm T.K. Shutter Reserve

Mon 17/05/2010

Adelaide City vs Para Hills
7.30pm Adelaide City Park

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Adelaide Hills	6	5	1	0	14	6	8	16
Modbury	6	5	0	1	7	6	11	15
Enfield City	6	3	2	1	11	10	1	11
Salisbury Utd	6	3	0	3	9	8	1	9
Croydon	6	2	2	2	10	9	1	8
Pirates	6	2	2	2	10	10	0	8
Adelaide Comets	6	2	0	4	11	15	-4	6
West Adelaide	6	2	0	4	5	15	-10	6
Adelaide Olympic	6	1	1	4	8	10	-2	4
White City Woodville	6	1	0	5	8	14	-6	3

As You Were – After Lifeless Draw

By Ashley Morrison

When Floreat Athena played host to Sorrento in round eight of the APB State League of Western Australia, the expectation was a tense battle between two teams intent on establishing themselves at the top of the league. It was third versus fourth, but what transpired never reflected those lofty positions.

Floreat lacking Neiderberger in attack looked toothless, while their midfield failed to impose any dominance whatsoever. Sorrento on the other hand had Adam Hayton work tirelessly up front, but he frequently lacked support from his teammates. Their midfield had plenty of bite but lacked cohesion.

There were in truth only two memorable moments in the game the first coming in the 30th minute when Mikulic stole the ball for Floreat in midfield, he played Migas into space in the box on the left, and when many would have shot he unselfishly crossed to the back post to the unmarked Johny Mirco, who let fly with a venomous volley that left Woodhead in goal for Sorrento a mere spectator. Unfortunately for Floreat it thundered into his left hand post and rebounded to safety.

The other memorable moment came in the 80th minute when Ryan Sheppard launched himself into a challenge on substitute Adam Wood. The Sorrento player was off the ground when he caught the young substitute and could easily have done more damage than he did, and the referee quite rightly issued a straight red. The challenge did not appear malicious just simply ill timed; however the melee that followed was unsavoury and unnecessary.

It was a game that ebbed and flowed, with Sorrento the dominant team for the first twenty minutes but lacking any finesse around the penalty area.

Floreat then stamped their authority on the game, but were almost caught on the break by the impressive Hayton. In the 35th minute he looked to be offside when he ran onto a hopeful ball forward, but the whistle never sounded, and it was only Dunn coming off his line quickly that narrowed the angle as he shot and deflected the ball wide for a corner.

In the last minute of the first half Bachiller struck a long-range effort that Woodhead had to watch carefully and although it looked to be sailing over the crossbar he made sure helping it on its way.

As with the first half Sorrento dominated the opening stanza of the second half and created their best chance in the 52nd minute. Glen Thomas found Hayton in space on the left, he cleverly pulled the ball back across the box for Foster, he let the ball run for Thomas, but his shot went straight into the arms of Dunn.

Three minutes later dummies unlocked the Sorrento defence, Mikulic stepped over a pass from Smith to allow the ball to run for Mirco, he looked to pass inside to Migas, who ran over the ball allowing it to roll into the path of the advancing Bachiller, but his shot was blocked and Sorrento cleared.

Floreat brought on Vujacic for Sims and Isaia for Migas but this made no difference to their creativity or potency. Wood was brought on with ten minutes to go, and with Neiderberger missing as their focal point up front looked as if he should have been introduced earlier, if Floreat had any hope of stealing all three points. In truth though neither side deserved to win this game as both lacked a cutting edge, and a player who was going to take control of the game and dictate proceedings. It remained a scoreless draw.



Lions new striker Phil Arnold takes on Inglewood defender Matt Wardle at 6PR Stadium.

PHOTO: PETER SIMCOX

In the rest of the league there were several other draws ECU Joondalup who played host to Cockburn City were 0-2 down at half time but clawed their way back to 2-2 thanks to goals from Watt and O’Callghan. The Western Knights who were expected to run rampant over bottom of the table Swan United were held to a 0-0 draw at home.

Inglewood United slumped to their fifth defeat, more than any other side, when they were beaten 0-3 at home to Stirling Lions, for whom former Perth player Phil Arnold was dominant, and capped of his own personal display with a goal.

Mandurah City took the lead against Armadale, through skipper Andy Brown, but were pegged back and then found themselves 1-2 down to a Warren Grieve second, but Brown netted again to give them a share of the spoils.

Perth were due to play Balcatta on Sunday. A Perth victory would see them open up a four-point gap at the top of the table. While at the other end Swan and Cockburn remain bottom.

NEW CEO APPOINTED

Football West is delighted to announce that Mr Peter Hugg has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer.

Mr Hugg brings a wealth of experience to the sport in Western Australia including roles with FIFA as a General Coordinator at the 2002 FIFA World Cup in Japan/Korea, Tournament Director for the Olympic Football Tournament at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games and High Performance Manager with Soccer Australia (now FFA) in 1996.

Mr Hugg is excited about the prospect of bringing his intimate knowledge of world sports to Western Australia.

“I am pleased to be able to join the many people working hard in Western Australia to promote and develop a sport we all love, the world game of football” he said.

“I have been very fortunate to experience many wonderful events and moments in sport here and around the world, and I am convinced that football in Australia is at a very exciting phase.”

“The progress made over the last six or

so years since the Crawford Report and under the Chairmanship of Mr Frank Lowy, the staff at the FFA and with each of the revised state federations, has been nothing short of outstanding” said Mr Hugg.

“With South Africa only months away and the 2018 and 2022 FIFA World Cup decisions at the end of the year, football is sure to dominate the minds of all Australians.”

“I look forward to playing my part in the further development of the game in Western Australia and ensuring that the many tens of thousands of players, coaches and supporting officials and parents reap as much benefit and enjoyment from the game as I have over the years.”

The Football West Board believes Mr Hugg is the right person to lead the organisation into an exciting new phase.

“Peter has worked throughout the world with the biggest events and sports governing bodies including the Olympics, the Commonwealth Games, FIFA, the International Management Group (IMG) and the International Cricket Council” said Football West Director Ms Anna Liscia who was responsible for the recruitment process.

“His most recent projects have included the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and Rio’s bid for the 2016 Olympics” she added.

“To have someone with his experience working with the game in WA is a tremendous asset for the 33,000 plus stakeholders in the sport.”

“This is an important period for the game in Australia at all levels, and with Peter’s appointment, the sport can now be sure that it is in the best position possible to maximise potential and elevate the game to an all new level” said Ms Liscia.

Mr Hugg will commence with Football West on the 17th May.

APB SCORES WITH STATE LEAGUE

Football West is pleased to announce that Australian Portable Buildings (APB) has signed on as the naming rights sponsor of the WA State League for the rest of

season 2010.

The WA State League will now be known as the APB State League and cover all divisions that run under the State League banner such as the Premier Division and Division One including reserves and U18’s leagues.

Australian Portable Buildings have over 30 years experience building and supplying quality modular buildings at competitive prices.

APB General Manager Mr Luke Martin says the partnership with Football West will benefit the game at all levels.

“APB is proud to be the new naming rights sponsor for the APB State League as this is a very exciting time for football not only in Western Australia but around the globe,” he said.

“The State League is the pinnacle of the West Australian domestic competition, and as a leading supplier of modular buildings not only in WA but throughout Australia, I am thrilled to announce our new partnership as football continues to grow in this great State.”

Football West Marketing & Communications Manager Mr Ben Fitzpatrick is also thrilled with the new deal.

“We are delighted that APB has come on board as not only a State League partner, but as a partner of the game in general,” he said.

“With the valuable contribution of APB, Football West can continue to push the State League to new levels including the hugely popular Football West TV (www.footballwest.tv), which is gaining a lot of interest amongst the WA football community.”

Round 8 of the APB State Premier League kicks off on Saturday May 8.



WA LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Perth SC	8	6	0	2	20	18	2	18
2 Western Knights	8	5	2	1	21	11	10	17
3 Floreat Athena	8	5	1	2	21	10	11	16
4 Balcatta	8	4	1	3	18	16	2	13
5 Sorrento	8	3	3	2	13	13	0	12
6 Stirling Lions	8	3	2	3	10	9	1	11
7 Armadale	8	2	4	2	13	10	3	1
8 Mandurah City	8	2	2	4	12	19	-7	8
9 ECU Joondalup	8	1	4	3	16	19	-3	7
10 Inglewood United	8	2	1	5	8	17	-9	7
11 Cockburn City	8	1	3	4	9	11	-2	6
12 Swan United	8	1	3	4	6	13	-7	6

WA RESULTS

PREMIER DIVISION

First Team

Floreat Athena 0 Sorrento 0; ECU Joondalup 2 (Watt 53, O’Callaghan 94) Cockburn City 2 (A Dos Santos 6, Feely 16); Western Knights 0 Swan United 0; Inglewood United 0 Stirling Lions 3 (Arnold 17, Marcinko 34, OG 37); Mandurah City 2 (Brown 10, 50) Armadale 2 (J Robinson 25, Grieve 48), Balcatta 5 (Ros-indale 26, Whitehouse pen 32, 37, Tong 48, Italiano 63) Perth SC 1(Doyle 61)

Reserves

Floreat Athena 1 Sorrento 2; ECU Joondalup 2 Cockburn City 0; Western Knights 2 Swan United 2; Inglewood Utd 2 Stirling Lions 5; Mandurah City 1 Armadale 3, Balcatta 0 Perth SC 2

Under 18's

Floreat Athena 2 Sorrento 2; ECU Joondalup 2 Cockburn City 0; Western Knights 3 Swan United 0; Inglewood Utd 4 Stirling Lions 2; Mandurah City 1 Armadale 1, Balcatta 2 Perth SC 3

DIVISION ONE

First Team

Bayswater City 8 (Karpeh 5, 54, 55, 73, Catalano pen 45, 85, Tumoe 64, Murulanda 70) Ashfield 1 (Dundoe 86); Queens Park 1(OG 59) Gosnells City 2 (Chavez 71, Cave 90); Fremantle Spirit 1 (Fearon 74) Morley-Windmills 1 (Nelson 36); Forrestdfield United 4 (A Harold 3, 86, M Harold 12, Cole 50) Dianella White Eagles 0; Bunbury Forum Force 9 (Rodgers 3, 16, 38, 64, 69, Chappell 25, 43, 62, OG 31) Canning City 2 (Guanasagaroo 76, Wagnal pen 81); Rockingham City 1 (Bonser 87) Wanneroo City 2 (McDonald 30, Cairney 79)

Reserves

Bayswater City 2 Ashfield 1; Queens Park 2 Gosnells City 1; Fremantle Spirit 6 Morley-Windmills 1; Forrestdfield United 10 Dianella White Eagles 2; Bunbury Forum Force 4 Canning City 0; Rockingham City 0 Wanneroo City 3, Rockingham City 0 Wanneroo City 3 Under 18's Bayswater City 3 Ashfield 0; Queens Park 4 Gosnells City 5; Fremantle Spirit 6 Morley-Windmills 1; Forrestdfield United 2 Dianella White Eagles 4; Bunbury Forum Force Canning City; Rockingham City 4 Wanneroo City 1, Rockingham City 4 Wanneroo City 1

NEXT ROUND

Round 9

Sat 15 May 3PM Floreat Athena v Balcatta
E & D Litis Stadium
Sat 15 May 3PM Armadale v Western Knights
Alfred Skeet Oval
Sat 15 May 3PM Sorrento v ECU Joondalup
Percy Doyle Reserve
Sat 15 May 3PM Stirling Lions v Mandurah City Macedonia Park
Sat 15 May 3PM Cockburn City v Inglewood United Dalmatinac Park
Sun 16 May 3PM Swan United v Perth SC
Swan Italian Club

DIVISION ONE LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Bunbury Forum Force	6	5	0	1	26	5	21	15
2 Bayswater City	6	5	0	1	25	6	19	15
3 Gosnells City	6	5	0	1	14	7	7	15
4 Dianella White Eagles	6	3	1	2	13	12	1	10
5 Wanneroo City	6	3	1	2	10	9	1	10
6 Forrestdfield United	6	3	0	3	15	12	3	9
7 Canning City	6	2	1	3	11	20	-9	7
8 Rockingham City	6	2	0	4	8	15	-7	6
9 Morley-Windmills	6	1	2	3	5	12	-7	5
11 Fremantle Spirit	6	0	4	2	8	13	-5	4
10 Ashfield	6	1	1	4	13	22	-9	4
12 Queens Park	6	1	0	5	8	23	-15	3



Belconnen join Canberra at the top

By Russ Gibbs

Belconnen United have joined reigning champions Canberra FC at the top of the Gatorade Premier League ladder following a dramatic afternoon of action in the ACT top flight. Jason O'Dwyer struck a 94th minute winner for Belconnen, who came from 0-2 behind, to defeat Goulburn Strikers at Cookbundoon whilst Canberra FC was held 1-1 by Cooma Tigers at Nijong Oval.

The Blue Devils gained revenge for their Project Coordination Federation Cup semi-final loss to Goulburn Strikers in pre-season with a dramatic, last-gasp, winner in a five-goal thriller at Cookbundoon. In-form Strikers' forward Brody Willis had earlier seemed to give the Strikers an emphatic lead with a double strike within the space of four minutes to shock the Belconnen team to their core. Willis' brace, capitalising on some superb approach work by Carlo Aliffi's team, took his season's total to five and, more importantly, put Goulburn into a strong advantage. To their credit the Blue Devils showed their mettle and Tai Smith crucially struck seven minutes before the interval to reduce the arrears. After a half-time dressing down from Scott Conlon, Belconnen came out for the second half in determined mood and were gifted the chance to level on the hour mark. A foul in the box resulted in a penalty which veteran striker Danny Macor converted. O'Dwyer's winner, which came four minutes into stoppage time, was not without its controversy with the Strikers believing the ball had gone out of play before the Belconnen youngster struck the decisive blow. Goulburn would feel aggrieved not to have garnered at least a point from this encounter having struck the woodwork four times during the match.

Meanwhile, Champions Canberra FC dropped their first points of the season in a tough clash with Cooma Tigers at a chilly Nijong Oval. The Tigers, who have had a mixed bag of results since their return to top-flight action in Canberra, proved to be a resilient and gritty opponent for the multi-talented Canberra FC who, as predicted earlier in the season, found the going in Cooma not to their liking. The Tigers threatened to gain more than just parity with their opponents after taking the lead through striker Daniel Gecic. Having gained the lead the home side would have been disappointed to give it up in such a disappointing fashion when they were penalised for an infringement inside the penalty area and, from the resultant spot kick, Canberra FC centre-forward Michael Spaleta confidently converted his sixth goal of a productive start to the season. The point gained was enough to keep Canberra FC at the head of the ladder after four rounds of action, but only on goal difference, ahead of usual suspects Belconnen United.

An own goal barely ten minutes into the match settled the clash at Hawker Football Centre in favour of the visiting Canberra Olympic but bottom of the table Tuggeranong United can take great heart from a terrific second half performance that, but for a touch of luck, could have yielded them their first point of the season. United had several presentable opportunities to level the scores after Ireson had inadvertently deflected a low driven cross into his own net early on with Steve Oxford striking the post and Daniel Beaumont twice testing the reflexes of Angelo Konstantinou in the Olympic goal. At the other end Tim Davies, in be-



Brody Willis scores for Goulburn Strikers. PHOTO: PAUL LAU



The Belconnen boys celebrate. PHOTO: PAUL LAU

tween the posts in place of the unavailable Matt MacDonald, had to be at his sharpest best to repel Tent Flanigan and, after the interval, Yianni Karabalis from close range. The introduction of substitute Matt Menser added some extra verve to the Tuggeranong attack with the talented striker causing numerous problems for Dean Ugrinic's defence. Indeed, Menser twice almost dragged United level, the second time deep into stoppage time when a low right foot shot had Konstantinou beaten but flashed agonisingly wide of the post. This was a much-improved performance from Tuggeranong that promises much if the same level of commitment can be carried over into their next fixtures, whereas Olympic appear to have some work to do.

A 97th minute winner from Canberra City talisman David Dexter gave Pat Caggiano's team a priceless 2-1 victory over Woden Valley in a tight encounter at Hawker Football Centre. Dexter's third goal of the 2010 Gatorade Premier League campaign deep into stoppage time settled a tense, fraught encounter on Saturday evening. A combination of first half injuries and a lengthy second half break caused the match officials to prolong the encounter and Dexter struck to break the hearts of a Woden Valley side that had battled throughout a cold Canberra evening. Earlier in the match City had taken the lead when former Tuggeranong United player Tim Mathas struck his first goal since his return to Canberra City. Mathas' goal ten minutes before the

half-time whistle had given the hosts the advantage after a sloppy opening that saw Woden threatening an upset. Having gained their first win of the season last weekend Pat McCann's Woden side played with far more fluency and confidence than has been seen so far this term and hauled themselves level eleven minutes into the second half. US import Carlos Salazar found his way onto the scoresheet for the third time this season to bring the sides onto equal terms and is looking to be an excellent signing as he settles into the Woden camp. However, hopes of a hard-earned point were dashed by Dexter's late, late show.

NEXT ROUND

Round 5

Fri 14 May KO 8pm Woden Valley v ANU FC
Hawker Football Centre

Sat 15 May KO 6pm Belconnen Utd v Tuggeranong Utd
McKellar Park
Sun 16 May KO 3pm Monaro Panthers v Canberra FC
Riverside Stadium
Sun 16 May KO 3pm Goulburn Strikers v Cooma Tigers
Cookbundoon
Sun 16 May KO 5pm Canberra Olympic v Canberra City
Hawker Football Centre

LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Canberra FC	4	3	1	0	20	3	+17	10
2 Belconnen United	4	3	1	0	9	5	+4	10
3 Monaro Panthers	3	2	1	0	7	2	+5	7
4 Canberra Olympic	4	2	1	1	5	4	+1	7
5 Canberra City	4	2	1	1	5	6	-1	7
6 Goulburn Strikers	4	2	0	2	11	6	+5	6
7 Cooma Tigers	4	1	1	2	6	7	-1	4
8 Woden Valley	4	1	0	3	5	12	-7	3
9 ANU FC	3	0	0	3	1	7	-6	0
10 Tuggeranong United	4	0	0	3	3	19	-16	0

WPL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Belwest Foxes	4	4	0	0	18	1	+17	12
2 Woden Valley	4	3	0	1	16	3	+13	9
3 Canberra FC	3	2	0	1	7	13	-6	6
4 Belconnen United	4	1	2	1	9	3	+6	5
5 Weston Creek	3	1	1	1	4	3	+1	4
6 Tuggeranong United	4	1	1	2	4	9	-5	4
7 ANU WFC	4	1	0	3	6	11	-5	3
8 Brindabella Blues	4	0	0	4	3	24	-21	0

ACT RESULTS

Tuggeranong United 0 Canberra Olympic 1 (Tim Ireson 10' (own goal))

Canberra City 2 (Tim Mathas 35', David Dexter 90+7') Woden Valley 1 (Carlos Salazar 56')

Goulburn Strikers 2 (Brody Willis 23', 27') Belconnen United 3 (Tai Smith 38', Danny Macor 68' (pen), Jason O'Dwyer 90+4')

ANU FC v Monaro Panthers – MATCH CANCELLED

Cooma Tigers 1 (Daniel Gecic) Canberra FC 1 (Michael Spaleta (pen))

WPL

Belconnen United 0 Belwest Foxes 2 (Cian Maciejewski, Snez Veljanovska)

Woden Valley 5 (Georgia Yeoman-Dale (3), Erin Clout, Jaline Hoek) Tuggeranong United 0

ANU WFC 5 (Bronwyn Tulloh (2), Victoria Robinson-Conlon, Emily Nicola, Katrina Patane) Brindabella Blues 2 (Heather Casey (2))

Canberra FC 1 (Georgia Ghirardello 45') Weston Creek 1 (Aleisha Tupper 20')

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Quality Futsal Grudge Matches

By Adam Hussein

Round two was exciting from start to finish, with some fantastic futbol being played & quite a large audience to play in front of. It was 'Rivarly Round' with plenty of individual rivalries simmering, with the battle of new foes Albert Park & Brimbank, the 1st clash between FC Carlton without Diannosh and Hassinakhoo versus their new club North Melbourne, Alexander of Essendon vs. Christos of Mickleham, match of the round Prahran vs Metropolitan, Hume FC with T. Sumbl playing against his old club Fitzroy & last but not least, Vic State coach Paul Vodic's Ashburton against the Champions and assistant Vic State coach Ari Simos's Pascoe Vale FC in what should of been match of the round.

Brimbank 4 vs 9 Albert Park

The red, white & royal blue of Albert Park FC, relegation survivors not once but twice hammered home 9 goals past a lacklustre Brimbank FC in the opening clash of the evening. Albert Park coach Zoran Matic couldn't be happier with debutants Shayan Rashidi & Henry Fernandez who provided supreme attacking flair with heels, nutmegs & plenty of goals. Rob Melvin & Dejan Dragic were solid in defence for Matic, complimented by De Batista in goal who saved Albert Park's bacon on numerous occasions. It was 6-1 at half time, Brimbank were lackadaisical, and at times tried to walk the ball into the goal reminiscent of their state league past. They were unlucky at times, hitting the post & narrowly missing on many occasions. Vadim Mazurskiy (BFC) was majestic as ever with three goals, but he wasn't complimented by fellow team-mates Alija Karic, Emir Ahmeti or Fikret Causevic. Both sides will look to finish mid table and are still finding their feet in the new season.

FC Carlton 2 vs 11 North Melb FC

The second clash was all about the class of North Melbourne rather the third poor showing from FC Carlton. North was on fire, showing for a second consecutive season that they & Milton Sakkos mean business. Both sides had new inclusions but it was former FC Carlton Goalkeeper Dianoosh Rasoulzadeh & Hamid Hassinkhoo that did the damage. Dianoosh conceded 2 goals in 40 minutes on a tight court which was an amazing effort, and Hamid scored four deadly goals at the other end. They were complimented by energetic performances by Jason Barrientos (2 goals)



Dimi and Luch celebrate in R2.

& Mirza Pedic (4 goals) as North romped home to another 3 points. Alinejad & Jankovic were back for North, but they were just a sideshow to Hassnikhoo & Medic. There wasn't much to say about woeful Carlton, Hooman Shekari scored & that was about it really. Carlton needs new blood fast, and with more poor performances on the horizon players are beginning to look elsewhere.

FC Essendon 3 vs 4 Mickleham FC

2009 Champions FC Essendon took on new boys Mickleham in a mouth-watering 2nd round clash. This new rivalry began when Dushan Bosnjak, formerly of FC Essendon, instrumental in helping them to the 2009 title transferred to Mickleham last season. FC Essendon manager Alexander Stevanovic was not happy and tried to fill the void with Spiro Athana late last season. Alex later settled for Ignat Filipovic who is still trying to find his feet. There were very few clear cut chances in this game and it was a gigantic tussle in the middle of the court. It was 1-1 at halftime with Essendon having the upper hand. Subic (FCE keeper) just couldn't hit targets with his throws, and Mickleham Debutant Jason Ioannidis formerly of FC Melbourne scored two lovely goals to help Mickleham try and shrug off a determined Essendon. Ryan Filipovic was a terrific inclusion for Mickleham covering a lot of the court playing percentage passes. Nana Addo & Alex Petrovski also got on the scoresheet for Mickleham and after being locked at 2-2, and 3-3 they showed the cutting edge to win all 3 points in the V-League premiership.

FC Prahran 8 vs 8 Metropolitan FC

Futbol Town Show (www.futboltownshow.com) match of the round saw two fantas-

tic teams play a clash every specatator would spare a dime to watch. Both sides were in red hot form, Metropolitan buzzing off the back of last seasons incredible performances marshalled by the little emperor Alia Redzepovic. FC Prahran were coming off a surprise loss to Fitzroy FC and started with goals to Avram & Lazetic. Metropolitan took a while to switch on, but they did eventually and made a real game of it, with Ivan Zilic clinical up front with 3 goals. Alia chipped in with 2, brother Dino 2 & Husmir 1. It made for a gripping finale with Haider Noor really turning it on, scoring four goals, and considering Prahran went into the break 6-4 down, they came out stronger in the second half scoring a dramatic late equalizer to steal a point for Prahran and frustrate a metropolitan side expected to win. Notable yellow cards to Prahran Goalkeeper Dima Shakhnov & Alija Redzepovic in what was largely a fair game.

Fitzroy FC 8 vs 5 Hume FC

Fitzroy FC looked to back up last weeks win with another against newcomers Hume. Hume played just as resilient as they had the week earlier against FC Essendon going into the break 1-1 at half time. They had their defensive wits about them but lacked creativity, the only star was Turhan Sumbul, who scored twice from the 10 meter penalty spot & thumper free-kick from outside the Dee. Fitzroy looked panicky early and took a while to adjust with Leigh Minopolous formerly of FC Balwyn & Michael Dixon returning for the second time to Fitzroy surprise inclusions. It took 25minutes before Fitzroy went for the jugular, 16 year old debutant Christian Skok instrumental in equalizing 2-2, followed by a plethora of goals from Minopolous, Dixon & the Hussein brothers. Hume looked down but they weren't out, Fitzroy played 11 minutes of the second half on 5 fouls and any careless tackles would go to the penalty spot. It just added to the drama in what was a terrific match on a terrific night.

Ashburton 6 vs 5 Pascoe Vale FC

Prahran, Metro, Fitzroy & Hume all added to the night's drama but were a mere sideshow as Ashburton took to the court against the Champions Pascoe Vale in the night's final drama. Both sides had friends and foes, played for and against and shared some special moments together in the Vic Men's team in Canberra. Pascoe Vale took a 2-0 lead thanks to Simsek & Barbosa Junior. There was no stopping the Champions, who looked to put away cross town rival Ashburton that were dismantled by Fernando De Moreas (NMFC) only 7 days ago. Andrew Plithakis (AFC keeper)

formerly of FC Melbourne was shown his matching orders early after man handling Simsek in a certain goal scoring opportunity. The stage was set brilliantly for a hero. Enter Dimi Vithoulkas (AFC) who would have none of it though, he pounded Lascaris (PVFC) time and time again much to the frustration of his team mates. He only scored one for the night but was in scintillating, mouth watering form and found a hunger rarely seen last season. Azzam & Karas shared the keeping duties well playing out from the back beautifully as a fifth player. Luciano Bessa was also terrific for Ashburton's coring vital doubles, the latter a 5-5 equaliser & a last second winner. 6-5 winners. The unsung hero Bessa kept the doubters quiet with a sporadic man of the match performance. The Champions finally lose after going 16 weeks unbeaten, Paul Vodic's Ashburton win a vital 3 points, and add to the title drama.

The Transfer market window closes next week, end of round 3, it will be a feeding frenzy catch all the goings on. ON www.futboltownshow.com



Maxie Avram prepares to strike.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts		
1 Nth Melbourne FC	2	2	0	0	14	3	11	6		
2 Fitzroy FC	2	2	0	0	11	7	4	6		
3 Metropolitan FC	2	1	1	0	23	14	9	4		
4 Albert Park FC	2	1	0	1	12	9	3	3		
5 Pascoe Vale FC	2	1	0	1	10	9	1	3		
6 FC Essendon	2	1	0	1	7	7	0	3		
7 Brimbank FC	2	1	0	1	11	12	-1	3		
8 Ashburton FC	2	1	0	1	7	8	-1	3		
9 Mickleham FC	2	1	0	1	7	10	-3	3		
10 FC Prahran	2	0	1	1	10	11	-1	1		
11 Hume FC	2	0	0	2	8	12	-4	0		
12 FC Carlton	2	0	0	2	8	26	-18	0		

Round 2 Clashes May 5										
•6:30 Brimbank FC v Albert Park FC 4 - 9										
•7:15 FC Carlton v Nth Melbourne FC 2 - 11										
•8:00 FC Essendon v Mickleham FC 3 - 4										
•8:45 FC Prahran v Metropolitan FC 8 - 8										
•9:30 Fitzroy FC v Hume FC 8 - 5										
•10:15 Ashburton FC v Pascoe Vale FC 6 - 5										

Round 3 Clashes May 12										
•6:30 Fitzroy FC v Mickleham FC										
•7:15 FC Essendon v Albert Park FC										
•8:00 FC Carlton v Ashburton FC										
•8:45 FC Prahran v Nth Melbourne FC										
•9:30 Brimbank FC v Pascoe Vale FC										
•10:15 Hume FC v Metropolitan FC										



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MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE NORTH-WEST: Oak Park 4 Keon Park 0, Northern Utd 0 Heidelberg Stars 1 (M Ahmed), Moreland Wolves 2 (S Fatini NJ Waller) Tullamarine Jets 1 (A Koruklu), Altona North 1 (R Conte) Light Utd 0, Yarra Jets 3 Ascot Vale 0, Reserves: Oak Park 6 Keon Park 3, Northern Utd 3 Heidelberg Stars 4, Moreland Wolves 2 Tullamarine Jets 2 (S Gokmen 2), Altona North 2 Light Utd 4, Yarra Jets 2 Ascot Vale 2

MENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST: Dandenong Warriors 3 (A Arele C Goder J Yong Yang Yin) St Kevins 2 (D La Fauci A Fehervari), Endeavour Hills 0 Harrisfield Hurricanes 2 (A Bucci JT Wynne), Parkmore 1 (J Georgopoulos) Middle Park FC 0, Old Mentonians 1 (M Watling P Mc Loone) Caulfield Grammarians 0,Reserves: Dandenong Warriors 5 St Kevins 0, Endeavour Hills 0 Harrisfield Hurricanes 2, Parkmore 1 Middle Park FC 3, Old Mentonians 5 Caulfield Grammarians 4

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 1: Doncaster Rovers 5 (L Stevens N Cauchi E Kyrgios R Payne Own Goal) South Springvale 1 (L Pejovnik), Whitehorse Utd 1 (N Tumblety) Uni. of Melbourne 6 (C Borg 2 E Fenwick 2 N Vincent), Bayswater Strikers 4 (E Doughty G Murphy 2 E Murray-Bartlett) Brighton 1 (C Quadara), Ballarat & District 5 (E King 2 T Benoit) South Yarra 0,RES: Doncaster Rovers 1 South Springvale 0, Whitehorse Utd 0 Uni. of Melbourne 2, Bayswater Strikers 4 Brighton 1, Ballarat Lady Devils 1 South Yarra 0

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 NORTH-WEST: Western Suburbs 0 Western Eagles 7 (B Kean A Kezovska 3 D Slodyczka), Fawkner 0 Cairnlea 2 (M Maltairic D Muluel), North Geelong Warriors 6 (NS Milinkovic 2 M Medved D Marincic) Whittlesea Ranges FC 0, Darebin Falcons 4 Melbourne Bears 1,

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 2 SOUTH-EAST: Ashburton 1 (M Armitage) Mooroolbark 2 (B Carusi S Schubert), Mornington 1 Monash University 1 (B Narine), Sandringham 4 North Caulfield 0, Berwick City 4 (S Anthony E Heeger (Rault) J Cary 2) Albert Park 2, Southern Suburbs 4 (T Moutafis 4) Noble Park 3 (S Davies M Atanasova)

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 NORTH-WEST: Eltham Redbacks 2 Sunshine George Cross 1, Maribymong Utd 0 Yarra Jets 6 (C Frew 4), Melton 0 Brunswick Zebras 0, Old Carey 3 (E Jenkins E Doyle L Smith) Kyneton District 1 (C Gunter), Diamond Valley Utd 1 Keilor Park 4

WOMENS STATE LEAGUE DIV 3 SOUTH-EAST: Endeavour Utd 0 South Melbourne 7, Langwarrin 1 Seaford Utd 1, Croydon City Arrows 6 (J McDonald S Langdon F Panozza C Christian) East Bentleigh 1 (S McLatchie), Knox City 2 Beaumaris 2,

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE NORTH-WEST: Fitzroy City 0 Mitchell Rangers 0, Northern Roosters 0 Melbourne Knights 11 (N Long), Plenty Valley Lions 0 Brunswick City 10, Watsonia Heights 4 Brunswick Zebras 3 (BA McPherson F Farnan 2), Tullamarine Jets 9 (M Upward 6 S Kilinc 3) Yarra Jets 0

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE SOUTH-EAST: Berwick City 11 Skye Utd 0, Croydon City Arrows 0 Endeavour Hills 7, Dandenong City 7 (MA Hubeek 4 A Milusic M Zuscak) Monash University 0, Sandringham 1 (G Kirk) Mooroolbark 3,

WOMENS METROPOLITAN LEAGUE CENTRAL: Sandringham 3 (D Tracey E Badu 2) Sydenham Park 2 (M Bogoevska 2), Elwood City 1 Albert Park 0, Whittlesea Zebras 2 (S Davison M Bonaddio) Bayside Argonauts 0, Uni. of Melbourne 3 Swinburne University WSC 2

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 1: La Trobe University 3 Marcellin Old Collegians 4, Southern Suburbs 0 Doveton 2, Juventus Old Boys 2 South Yarra 2

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 2 NORTH-WEST: Brunswick City 4 Glenroy 1, Moreland City 0 Mitchell Rangers 1, Collingwood City 3 Upfield 5, La Trobe University 0 Melbourne University 2,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 2 SOUTH-EAST: Old Camberwell Grammar 0 Boroondara Eagles 1, Old Melbourne 1 South Yarra 1, Nunawading City FC 3 Caulfield Grammarians 4, Berwick City 5 Central Park AC Malvern 3,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 3 NORTH-WEST: Lalor 2 La Trobe University 1, Melton 0 Hoppers Crossing 2, Plenty Valley Lions 1 Melbourne Lions 2, Northcote City 1 Werribee City 1, Uni. of Melbourne 1 Kyneton District 2

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 3 SOUTH-EAST: Riversdale 6 Bayside Argonauts 0, Old Haileybury 2 Central Park Rangers 1, Old Melbourne 0 Brandon Park 1,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 4 SOUTH-EAST: Beaumaris 2 South Yarra 2, Old Scotch 1 Caulfield Cobras 5, Old Melbourne 2 Marcellin Eagles 2

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 5 NORTH-WEST: Heidelberg Utd 8 Mitchell Rangers 0, North Sunshine Eagles 3 Moreland Wolves 0, Altona City 6 Melbourne University 1, Keon Park 0 Melbourne Bears 2, Uni. of Melbourne 2 Kyneton District 1

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIV 5 SOUTH-EAST: Frankston Pines 2 Dandenong Thunder 1, Old Brighton Grammarians 7 Eltham Redback FC 0,

MENS THIRDS LEAGUE DIVISION 6: Old Scotch 2 Sandringham City 2 2, Carlton Youth 0 Moreland Utd 3,

MENS MASTERS NORTH-WEST: Heidelberg Utd 3 Doc Utd 4, Moreland City 4 Banyule City 1,

MENS MASTERS CENTRAL: Juventus Old Boys 0 South Yarra 4, Beaumaris 8 Caulfield Cobras 2

Mens	Metropolitan	League	North-West	Reserves
		P W D L F A PT	P W D L F A PT	
Altona North		5 3 2 0 14 7 11		
Tullamarine Jets		5 3 1 1 12 7 10		
Heidelberg Stars		5 3 1 1 8 5 10		
Moreland Wolves		5 3 0 2 12 7 9		
Oak Park		5 2 3 0 12 7 9		
Yarra Jets		5 2 1 2 8 9 7		
Light Utd		5 2 0 3 9 9 6		
Northern Utd		5 1 1 3 6 6 4		
Keon Park		5 1 0 4 5 20 3		
Ascot Vale		5 0 1 4 4 13 1		

Mens	Metropolitan	League	North-West	Reserves
		P W D L F A PT	P W D L F A PT	
Northern Utd		5 4 0 1 16 5 12		
Heidelberg Stars		5 3 2 0 20 12 11		
Light Utd		5 3 1 1 17 12 10		
Yarra Jets		4 2 1 1 15 8 7		
Moreland Wolves		5 2 1 2 13 10 7		
Tullamarine Jets		5 1 3 1 12 11 6		
Oak Park		5 2 0 3 13 15 6		
Altona North		4 2 0 2 8 12 6		
Ascot Vale		5 0 2 3 5 15 2		
Keon Park		5 0 0 5 4 23 0		

Mens	Metropolitan	League	South-East	Reserves
		P W D L F A PT	P W D L F A PT	
Dandenong Warriors		4 3 1 0 0 7 3 10		
Middle Park FC		4 2 1 1 10 5 7		
Old Mentonians		4 2 1 1 7 5 7		
Harrisfield Hurricanes		4 1 3 0 9 7 6		
Caulfield Grammarians		5 1 3 1 9 9 6		
Parkmore		4 2 0 2 4 4 6		
St Kevins		4 1 1 2 9 11 4		
Ringwood City		4 1 1 2 4 7 4		
Endeavour Hills		5 0 1 4 4 12 1		

Mens	Metropolitan	League	South-East	Reserves
		P W D L F A PT	P W D L F A PT	
Middle Park FC		4 4 0 0 15 1 12		
Ringwood City		4 4 0 0 13 5 12		
Dandenong Warriors		4 3 1 0 15 4 10		
St Kevins		4 2 1 1 4 7 7		
Harrisfield Hurricanes		4 2 0 2 7 5 6		
Old Mentonians		4 1 0 3 9 18 3		
Endeavour Hills		5 1 0 4 3 12 3		
Parkmore		4 0 2 2 6 9 2		
Caulfield Grammarians		5 0 0 5 6 17 0		

Womens	State	League	Div	1
		P W D L F A PT		
Doncaster Rovers		4 4 0 0 18 2 12		
Bundoora Utd		3 3 0 0 16 1 9		
Ballarat & District		4 3 0 0 12 4 9		
Uni. of Melbourne		4 3 0 0 14 9 9		
Monbulk		3 2 1 0 6 1 7		
Bayswater Strikers		4 2 0 2 11 8 6		
South Springvale		4 1 0 3 4 8 3		
Whitehorse Utd		4 0 1 3 2 12 1		
Brighton		4 0 0 4 1 18 0		
South Yarra		4 0 0 4 2 23 0		

Womens	State	League	Div	2	North-West
		P W D L F A PT			
Cairnlea		4 4 0 0 18 4 12			
Western Eagles		4 3 0 1 16 3 9			
La Trobe University		3 3 0 0 9 3 9			
FC Bulleen Lions		3 2 1 0 8 1 7			
North Geelong Warriors4		2 0 2 14 6 6			
Western Suburbs		4 2 0 2 5 14 6			
Fawkner		4 1 1 2 3 8 4			
Darebin Falcons		4 1 0 3 8 11 3			
Whittlesea Ranges FC		4 0 0 4 2 17 0			
Melbourne Bears		4 0 0 4 1 17 0			

Womens	State	League	Div	2	South-East
		P W D L F A PT			
Sandringham		4 3 1 0 13 2 10			
Southern Suburbs		4 2 1 1 10 9 7			
Albert Park		4 2 0 2 10 8 6			
Berwick City		4 2 0 2 8 7 6			
Noble Park		4 2 0 2 8 11 6			
Mooroolbark		4 1 2 1 4 5 5			
Ashburton		4 1 1 2 5 6 4			
Mornington		4 1 1 2 5 8 4			
North Caulfield		4 1 1 2 5 11 4			
Monash University		4 0 3 1 2 3 3			

Womens	State	League	Div	3	North-West
		P W D L F A PT			
Keilor Park		4 4 0 0 24 6 12			
Yarra Jets		4 4 0 0 16 5 12			
Eltham Redbacks		4 2 1 1 10 5 7			
Brunswick Zebras		4 2 1 1 9 5 7			
Sunshine George Cross		4 2 0 2 9 6 6			
Diamond Valley Utd		4 1 1 2 6 9 4			
Melton		4 1 1 2 3 11 4			
Kyneton District		4 1 0 3 7 10 3			
Old Carey		4 1 0 3 7 17 3			
Maribymong Utd		4 0 0 4 3 20 0			

Womens	State	League	Div	3	South-East
		P W D L F A PT			
Seaford Utd		4 3 1 0 12 3 10			
Langwarrin		4 2 2 0 19 6 8			
Knox City		4 2 1 1 13 7 7			
South Melbourne		4 2 1 1 13 12 7			
Box Hill Inter		3 2 0 1 12 5 6			
Croydon City Arrows		4 2 0 2 10 8 6			
Beaumaris		4 1 1 2 11 22 4			
Ashburton		3 1 0 2 10 11 3			
Endeavour Utd		3 0 0 3 10 17 0			
East Bentleigh		3 0 0 3 4 23 0			

Womens	Metropolitan	League	Div	3	South-East
		P W D L F A PT			
Brunswick City		4 4 0 0 32 3 12			
Melbourne Knights		4 3 1 0 21 0 10			
Mitchell Rangers		4 2 1 1 5 3 7			
Brunswick Zebras		4 2 0 2 17 14 6			
Plenty Valley Lions		4 2 0 2 8 22 6			
Fitzroy City		4 1 2 1 7 3 5			
Yarra Jets		3 1 0 2 9 13 3			
Tullamarine Jets		3 1 0 2 5 13 3			
Watsonia Heights		4 1 0 3 5 17 3			
Northern Roosters		4 0 0 4 2 23 0			

Womens	Metropolitan	League	Div	4	South-East
		P W D L F A PT			
Berwick City		4 4 0 0 26 3 12			
Kingston City		3 3 0 0 11 2 9			
Dandenong City		4 3 0 1 17 9 9			
Mooroolbark		4 2 1 1 7 2 7			
Endeavour Hills		4 2 0 2 15 6 6			
Sandringham		4 1 1 2 6 11 4			
Skye Utd		4 1 1 2 4 17 4			
Eltham Redbacks		3 1 0 2 2 8 3			
Croydon City Arrows		4 0 1 3 3 14 1			
Monash University		4 0 0 4 1 20 0			

Womens	State	League	Div	1	Reserves
		P W D L F A PT			
Doncaster Rovers		4 4 0 0 23 0 12			
Bundoora Utd		3 3 0 0 19 2 9			
Bayswater Strikers		4 3 0 1 17 8 9			
Uni. of Melbourne		4 3 0 1 11 5 9			
South Springvale		4 2 0 2 6 5 6			
Monbulk		3 1 1 1 5 6 4			
Whitehorse Utd		4 1 0 3 3 7 3			
Ballarat Lady Devils		4 1 0 3 3 8 3			
Brighton		4 0 1 3 4 17 1			
South Yarra		4 0 0 4 0 33 0			

Womens	State	League	Div	2	North-West
		P W D L F A PT			
Cairnlea		4 4 0 0 18 4 12			
Western Eagles		4 3 0 1 16 3 9			
La Trobe University		3 3 0 0 9 3 9			
FC Bulleen Lions		3 2 1 0 8 1 7			
North Geelong Warriors4		2 0 2 14 6 6			
Western Suburbs		4 2 0 2 5 14 6			
Fawkner		4 1 1 2 3 8 4			
Darebin Falcons		4 1 0 3 8 11 3			
Whittlesea Ranges FC		4 0 0 4 2 17 0			
Melbourne Bears		4 0 0 4 1 17 0			

Womens	State	League	Div	2	South-East
		P W D L F A PT			
Sandringham		4 3 1 0 13 2 10			
Southern Suburbs		4 2 1 1 10 9 7			
Albert Park		4 2 0 2 10 8 6			
Berwick City		4 2 0 2 8 7 6			
Noble Park		4 2 0 2 8 11 6			
Mooroolbark		4 1 2 1 4 5 5			
Ashburton		4 1 1 2 5 6 4			
Mornington		4 1 1 2 5 8 4			
North Caulfield		4 1 1 2 5 11 4			
Monash University		4 0 3 1 2 3 3			

Womens	State	League	Div	3	North-West
		P W D L F A PT			
Keilor Park		4 4 0 0 24 6 12			
Yarra Jets		4 4 0 0 16 5 12			
Eltham Redbacks		4 2 1 1 10 5 7			
Brunswick Zebras		4 2 1 1 9 5 7			
Sunshine George Cross		4 2 0 2 9 6 6			
Diamond Valley Utd		4 1 1 2 6 9 4			
Melton		4 1 1 2 3 11 4			
Kyneton District		4 1 0 3 7 10 3			
Old Carey		4 1 0 3 7 17 3			
Maribymong Utd		4 0 0 4 3 20 0			

Womens	State	League	Div	3	South-East
		P W D L F A PT			
Seaford Utd		4 3 1 0 12 3 10			
Langwarrin		4 2 2 0 19 6 8			
Knox City		4 2 1 1 13 7 7			
South Melbourne		4 2 1 1 13 12 7			
Box Hill Inter		3 2 0 1 12 5 6			
Croydon City Arrows		4 2 0 2 10 8 6			
Beaumaris		4 1 1 2 11 22 4			
Ashburton		3 1 0 2 10 11 3			
Endeavour Utd		3 0 0 3 10 17 0			
East Bentleigh		3 0 0 3 4 23 0			

Womens	Metropolitan	League	Div	3	South-East
		P W D L F A PT			
Brunswick City		4 4 0 0 32 3 12			
Melbourne Knights		4 3 1 0 21 0 10			
Mitchell Rangers		4 2 1 1 5 3 7			
Brunswick Zebras		4 2 0 2 17 14 6			
Plenty Valley Lions		4 2 0 2 8 22 6			
Fitzroy City		4 1 2 1 7 3 5			
Yarra Jets		3 1 0 2 9 13 3			
Tullamarine Jets		3 1 0 2 5 13 3			
Watsonia Heights		4 1 0 3 5 17 3			
Northern Roosters		4 0 0 4 2 23 0			

Womens	Metropolitan	League			South-East			
		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Berwick City		4	4	0	0	26	3	12
Kingston City		3	3	0	0	11	2	9
Dandenong City		4	3	0	1	17	9	9
Mooroolbark		4	2	1	1	7	2	7
Endeavour Hills		4	2	0	2	15	6	6
Sandringham		4	1	1	2	6	11	4
Skye Utd		4	1	1	2	4	17	4
Eltham Redbacks		3	1	0	2	2	8	3
Croydon City Arrows		4	0	1	3	3	14	1
Mangash University		4	0	0	4	1	20	0



FFV Junior Results and Ladders



Boys South East 16 A: Benteleigh Greens 5 Brighton 0, East Benteleigh 3 Bayside Knights 5, Beaumaris 1 Hampton 1, Caulfield Cobras 1 North Caulfield 4, Brighton 7 Benteleigh Greens 0

Boys South-South East 13 C: Frankston Pines 1 Dandenong City 7, North Caulfield 1 Casey Comets 6, Kingston City 4 Bayside Argonauts 1, Beaumaris 1 Keysborough 5, Berwick City 4 Aspendale 0, Brighton Lyndale Utd

Boys South-South East 16 B: North Caulfield 0 Heatherton Utd 1, Berwick City 4 Southern Stars 0, Hampton Peninsula, Brighton 4 East Benteleigh 2

Boys South 12 A: Bye Dandenong Thunder , Berwick City 2 Mornington 1, Doveton 0 Dandenong City 0, Peninsula 2 South Eastern Piranhas 1

Boys South 12 B: Baxter 0 Langwarrin 5, Berwick City 0 Hampton Park Utd 2, Endeavour Utd 0 Doveton 10, Peninsula 4 Mornington 4

Boys South 12 C: Berwick City 13 Mornington 0, Berwick City 1 James Cook FC 3, Carrum Utd 0 Casey Panthers 1, HeathertonUtd4Keysborough0, Westernport1Peninsula1

Boys South 13 A: Mornington 1 South Eastern Piranhas 6, Berwick City 5 Hampton Park Utd 2, Dandenong City 0 Springvale White Eagles 9, Langwarrin Doveton

Boys South 13 B: Baxter 1 Langwarrin 2, Berwick City 4 White Star Dandenong 3, Carrum Utd 1 Casey Comets 4, SouthernStars7Mornington0,EndeavourUtd7Peninsula0
Boys South 14 A: Casey Comets 1 Mornington 2, Berwick City 8 Peninsula 2, Doveton 2 Hampton Park Utd 1, South Springvale 0 South Eastern Piranhas 2, Bye Dandenong Thunder

Boys South 14 B: Berwick City 3 Peninsula 2, Carrum Utd 4 Doveton 0, Lyndale Utd 8 Langwarrin 0, Seaford Utd 3 Keysborough 1

Boys South 14 C: Baxter 0 Dandenong City 14, Casey Panthers 2 Casey Comets 0, Dandenong Warriors Hampton Park Utd , Rosebud 1 Westernport 1

Boys South 15 A: Bye Dandenong Thunder , Berwick City 3 Endeavour Utd 1, Dandenong City 3 Springvale White Eagles 0, Doveton 0 Peninsula 4, South Eastern Piranhas 3 Keysborough 2

Boys South 15 B: Frankston Pines 0 Langwarrin 20, Berwick City 2 Casey Comets 4, Carrum Utd 5 Baxter 0, Peninsula Endeavour Utd , Mornington 10 James Cook FC 1

Boys South 16 A: Bye Hampton Park Utd , Casey Comets Langwarrin , Berwick City 4 White Star Dandenong 2, Peninsula 2 Mornington 2, South Eastern Piranhas 5 Keysborough 1

Boys West 12 A: Melbourne Knights 4 Sydenham Park 0, Altona City 0 Ballarat Academy of Soccer 4, Hoppers Crossing 0 Brimbank Stallions 3, North Geelong Warriors 3 Keilor Park 1, St Albans Saints Green Gully Cavaliers

Boys West 12 B: Cairnlea 4 Keilor Park 2 1, Altona City 2 Bell Park 1, Keilor Park 1 4 Laverton Park 0, Sunshine Heights Bye , Spring Hills 1 Green Gully Cavaliers 4

Boys West 13 A: Melbourne Knights 6 Brimbank City 0, Altona City 2 Keilor Park 3, Brimbank Stallions 2 Werribee City 0, Hoppers Crossing 0 Sunshine George Cross 4, St Albans Saints Green Gully Cavaliers

Boys West 13 B: Cairnlea Bye , Altona East Phoenix 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 3, Ballarat Academy of Soccer GRFA , Keilor Park 5 Brimbank Stallions 1, Williamstown 0 Laverton Park 2

Boys West 13 C: Hoppers Crossing 1 Oak Park SC 2, North Geelong Warriors 10 Williamstown 0, Westvale Sunshine George Cross , Spring Hills Bye

Boys West 14A: MelbourneKnights Bye, Cairnlea 1Keilor Park 0, Altona City 3 Altona Magic 2, Ballarat Academy of Soccer GreenGullyCavaliers, HoppersCrossing0GRFA8

Boys West 14B: Cairnlea 4KeilorWolves3, KeilorPark Bye , Sunshine Heights Sydenham Park , Williamstown 2Brimbank Stallions 4, St Albans Saints Green Gully Cavaliers

Boys West 14 C: Bye Altona City , Melton 2 Williamstown 2, Western Eagles , Satellite City Utd , Point Cook FC 0 Werribee City 8

Boys West 15 A: Altona City 3 Sunshine George Cross 0, Ballarat Academy of Soccer Keilor Park , Geelong 1 Brimbank City 2, GRFA 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 2

Boys West 15 B: Altona City 0 Brimbank Stallions 5, Hoppers Crossing 0 Sunshine George Cross 1, Keilor Park 5 Werribee City 2, Sydenham Park 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 8, Williamstown 5 North Lions 0

Boys West 16 A: North Geelong Warriors 5 Werribee City 0, Sunshine George Cross 2 Keilor Park 1, Melbourne Knights 0 Sydenham Park 0, Altona East Phoenix 2 Green Gully Cavaliers 1, Sunshine Heights Westgate

Boys West 16 B: Cairnlea 4 Spring Hills 5, Hoppers Crossing 2 Satellite City Utd 0, Keilor Park Bye , Williamstown 10 Melton 1, StAlbans Saints Western Eagles

Girls Central - North East - East 18: Bye Yarra Jets , Boroondara Eagles 2 Richmond 2, Diamond Valley Utd 2 Whitehorse Utd 3 2, Knox City 1 Whitehorse Utd 1 7

Girls North West 12 A: FC Bulleen Lions 0 Bundoora Utd 4, St Albans Saints Richmond , Banyule City Whitehorse Utd , Boroondara Eagles 2 Richmond 4, Ashburton 3 Box Hill Inter 0

Girls North West 12 B: Keilor Park 0 Pascoe Vale 9, Alphington 1 Essendon Royals 1, Kensington JGSC 1 Watsonia Heights 0, Green Gully Cavaliers Brunswick Zebras , Eltham Redback FC Diamond Valley Utd

Girls South East - South 18: East Benteleigh 1 Springvale White Eagles , Casey Comets Brighton , Hampton Park Utd Bye , Langwarrin 0 East Benteleigh 2 0

Girls South East 12 A: Berwick City 1 Sherbrooke Rangers 0, Bye North Caulfield , Sandringham 2 Peninsula 1, Brighton 3 Ringwood City 1

Girls South East 12 B: Glen Waverley 1 Bayside Knights 0, Aspendale 0 Sandringham 4, Bye Brighton , Casey Panthers 3 Waverley Victory 1

Girls West - North West - North 18: Brunswick Zebras 2 Keilor Wolves 2, Ballarat & District 11 Sunbury Utd 0, Gisborne Hoppers Crossing , Epping City 2 Pascoe Vale 1, Keilor Park Bundoora Utd

Girls Central - North East - East 13-14 A: Croydon City Arrows 2 Boroondara Eagles 1, Ashburton 5 Oakleigh Cannons 0, FC Bulleen Lions 1 FC Clifton Hill 0, Malvern City 0 Boroondara Eagles 4

Girls Central - North East - East 13-14 B: Knox City 1 Ashburton 1 2, Glen Waverley 0 Ashburton 2 1, Kensington JGSC Box Hill Inter , Croydon City Arrows 0 South Melbourne 7, FC Bulleen Lions 3 Boroondara

Eagles 0, Sherbrooke Rangers 0 Eltham Redback FC 4

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 A: Knox City 1 Mooroolbark 0, Kensington JGSC Whitehorse Utd , FC Bulleen Lions Sherbrooke Rangers , Doncaster Rovers 3 Croydon City Arrows 5

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 B: Box Hill Inter Oakleigh Cannons , Alphington 0 South Melbourne 2, Nunawading City FC 1 Boroondara Eagles 2 5, Boroondara Eagles 1 3 Ashburton 2

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 C: Greenvale Utd Glen Waverley , Watsonia Heights 3 Waverley Victory 5, FC Bulleen Lions 2 Brandon Park 0, DOC Utd Oakleigh Cannons

Girls Central - North East - East 15-16 D: Croydon City Arrows 2 South Yarra 2, Yarra Jets 4 Eastern Lions 0, Eltham Redback FC Boroניה

Girls South East - South 13-14 A: Berwick City 2 Carrum Utd 1, Hampton Bye , Sandringham 5 North Caulfield 0, Brighton 3 Peninsula 0

Girls South East - South 13-14 B: Hampton 0 Mornington 5, Sandringham 1 2 North Caulfield 2, Southern Stars Brighton 2 , Brighton 1 0 Sandringham 2 0, Casey Panthers 1 Carrum Utd 1

Girls South East - South 13-14 C: Mornington 4 Yarra Jets 1, East Benteleigh Sandringham , Berwick City 0 White Star Dandenong 2, Seaford Utd 0 Rosebud 3, Glen Eira Oakleigh Cannons , Langwarrin 4 Endeavour Utd 0

Girls South East - South 15-16 A: Bye Glen Eira , Dandenong City 2 Peninsula 1, Southern Stars Mornington , Sandringham 5 North Caulfield 2, Baxter 1 Carrum Utd 5

Girls South East - South 15-16 B: Noble Park 5 Sandringham 2, Mornington 0 Brighton 1, Casey Panthers 0 Carrum Utd 4, Langwarrin 12 Bayside Knights 0, Peninsula 1 North Caulfield 4

Girls West - North West - North 13-14 A: Brunswick Zebras 3 Essendon Royals 0, Green Gully Cavaliers Bundoora Utd , Banyule City Pascoe Vale , Keilor Park 9 Sunbury Utd 0, St Albans Saints Watsonia Heights

Girls West - North West - North 13-14 B: Sydenham Park Williamstown , Brunswick Zebras 0 Diamond Valley Utd 3, Keilor Park Yarra Jets , Bundoora Utd Cairnlea

Girls West - North West - North 15-16 A: Brunswick Zebras Bye , Werribee City 0 Sydenham Park 4, Bundoora Utd Essendon Royals , Banyule City Whittlesea Ranges FC , Keilor Park 12 Heidelberg Utd 0

Girls West - North West - North 15-16 B: Bacchus Marsh 0 Brimbank Stallions 16, North City Lions 0 Sydenham Park 8, Cairnlea 0 Brunswick Zebras 3, Whittlesea Utd Brimbank City , Bye Essendon Royals , Spring Hills 0 Altona City 1, Keilor Park 0 Watsonia Heights 3

Girls West - North West - North 15-16 C: Cairnlea Brunswick Zebras , Keilor Park Watsonia Heights , North City Lions Sydenham Park , Whittlesea Utd Balmoral FC , Spring Hills Altona City , Bacchus Marsh Brimbank Stallions , Bye Essendon Royals

Central SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sun): South Melbourne Port Melbourne , South Yarra 0 FC Clifton Hill 5, Yarraville Glory 6 Melbourne Lions 1, Yarra Jets 1 Alphington 4, Melbourne Athletic JFC Malvern City

Central SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : South Melbourne 1 FC Clifton Hill , South Melbourne 2 Malvern City , South Yarra 0 FC Demons 3, Yarra Jets Port Melbourne

East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sat): Glen Waverley 1 Croydon City Arrows , Glen Waverley 3 Glen Waverley 2 , Knox City Mooroolbark , Boroניה 5 Montrose 0

East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sun) : Oakleigh Cannons 5 Waverley Victory 0, Oakleigh Cannons 5 Croydon City Arrows 0, Eastern Lions Montrose , Knox Utd Knox Utd , Ringwood City 3 Oakleigh Cannons 3

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sat): Croydon City Arrows 1 Glen Waverley 1 2, Eastern Lions 6 Glen Waverley 2 1, Mooroolbark 2 2 Mooroolbark 1 7

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun): Oakleigh Cannons 1 1 Oakleigh Cannons 2 0, Eastern Lions 4 Brandon Park 3, CardiniaUtd0KnoxUtd5, RingwoodCity 1 Glen Waverley2

East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun) : Waverley Wanderers Monash City , Waverley Victory 6 Oakleigh Cannons 2 2, Cardinia Utd Oakleigh Cannons 1

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sun): Manningham 1 0 Eltham North 1 2, Manningham 2 2 Ashburton 1 2, Eltham North 2 3 Wonga Park Wizards JFC 5, Eltham North 3 Ashburton 3 , DOC Utd Ashburton 2

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Lime (Sat) : Ashburton 2 1 Riversdale 1, Boroondara Eagles 3 Ashburton 2 2, Nunawading City FC 5 Whitehorse Utd 1, Doncaster Rovers 1 5 Box Hill Inter 0, FC Bulleen Lions 5 Doncaster Rovers 2 0

North East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Red (Sat): Ashburton 1 1 Whitehorse Utd 2 2, Doncaster Rovers 0 Box Hill Inter 3, Boroondara Eagles 2 1 Boroondara Eagles 1 2, FC Bulleen Lions 1 5 Whitehorse Utd 1 0, FC Bulleen Lions 2 7 Ashburton 2 5

North East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : Ashburton 2 1 FC Bulleen Lions 1 3, Eltham North 1 Ashburton 3 , Nunawading City FC 1 3 Eltham North 2 5, Nunawading City FC 2 0 Ashburton 13, Manningham 1 FC Bulleen Lions 2 0

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sat): Ashburton 3 Richmond 2 0, FC Demons 3 Richmond 1 1, Riversdale 4 Boroondara Eagles 1 , Whitehorse Utd 2 5 Whitehorse Utd 1 0, Box Hill Inter 6 Doncaster Rovers 1, FC Bulleen Lions Bye

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Kang Blue (Sat): Boroondara Eagles 2 Ashburton 1, Bye Richmond 1 , Richmond 2 1 FC Bulleen Lions 2 2, Doncaster Rovers 0 FC Bulleen Lions 1 5, Elwood City 1 Epping City 3

North East-Central SSF Boys 11 Kang Yellow (Sat): Riversdale Richmond 1 , Ashburton 0 FC Bulleen Lions 1 5, Richmond 2 2 FC Bulleen Lions 2 5, Box Hill Inter Bye , Whitehorse Utd 2 Doncaster Rovers 2

North East-East SSF Girls 11 Pink (Sun): Knox Utd Ringwood City , Ashburton 2 Boroondara Eagles , Ashburton 1 Box Hill Inter , DOC Utd Oakleigh Cannons

North East-East SSF Girls 11 Purple (Sun): Croydon City Arrows 2 Ashburton 1 3, Ringwood City 1 Boroondara Eagles 1, Ashburton 2 Mooroolbark

North SSF Boys 11 Joeyes (Sun): Diamond Valley Utd 2 Bundoora Utd 1 3, Lalor Utd 1 Whittlesea Ranges FC 1, Northcote City 3 Banyule City 4, Mitchell Rangers Watsonia Heights

North SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun): Preston Lions 1 2 Bundoora Utd 1 0, Whittlesea Ranges 2 4 Preston Lions 2 0, Epping City 0 Whittlesea Ranges 1 5,

Northcote City 4 Banyule City 0, Bundoora Utd 2 Lalor

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Orange (Sun) : Essendon Royals 6 Sunbury Utd 2, Gisborne Fawkner , Pascoe Vale 1 3 Brunswick City 4, Oak Park SC 0 Flemington Eagles 5, Meadow Park Eagles Pascoe Vale 2

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Purple (Sun) : Brunswick City 0 Essendon Royals 4, Meadow Park Eagles 1 Hume City 1, Moreland City 0 North City Lions 3, Pascoe Vale 5 Light Utd 0, Brunswick Zebras 0 Flemington Eagles 5

North West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Red (Sun): Light Utd Moreland Utd , Hume City Sunbury Utd , Pascoe Vale 5 North City Lions 0, Upfield 1 Essendon Royals 5

North West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Purple (Sun): Brunswick City 6 Avondale Heights 1, Essendon Royals 5 Brunswick Zebras 2 0, Moreland City 2 North City Lions 6, Moreland Utd 0 Melbourne Phoenix 3, Brunswick Redback 1 Bye

North West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Red (Sun): Essendon Royals 1 4 Brunswick Zebras 0, Essendon Royals 2 3 Gisborne 8, Moreland City 0 Light Utd 5, Pascoe Vale 3 Fawkner 1, Upfield 1 Keilor Wolves 6

North West-Nth-Cen SSF Boys 9 Kang/Joeyes (Sat) : Richmond 2 Richmond 4 , Elwood City South Melbourne 2 , Essendon Utd 1 Essendon Utd 2 , FC Demons 2 Richmond 1 2, Richmond 3 South Melbourne 1

North West-North-Central SSF Girls 11 (Sun): Banyule City 1 Essendon Royals , Banyule City 2 Greenvale Utd , Yarra Jets South Melbourne 2, Bye FC Clifton Hill, South Yarra Bye , Kensington JGSC 6 South Melbourne 1 4

North-Central SSF Boys 11 Joeyes/Kangaroos (Sun) : Whittlesea Ranges FC 1 FC Clifton Hill 6, Banyule City Bye , Bundoora Utd 1 Bundoora Utd 2, Yarra Jets 1 Watsonia Heights 2, Sporting Whittlesea 1 South Melbourne 6

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Blue (Sat): Glen Eira 1 Hampton 22, Sandringham City 1 Brighton 12, Hampton 1 1 Beaumaris 17, BaysideArgonauts Beaumaris 2, Brighton 2 East Benteleigh , Dandenong Warriors Brighton 3

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Green (Sat): Sandringham City 1 1 Brighton 1 3, Brighton 2 2 East Benteleigh 4, BaysideArgonauts Beaumaris 2, Glen Eira 1 Brighton 3, Glen Eira 2 Beaumaris 1 , Hampton 4 Sandringham City 2 0

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Green (Sun) : North Caulfield 5 Benteleigh Greens 0, Bye Brighton , Southern Suburbs 1 North Caulfield 5, Brighton 0 Sandringham City 4, Aspendale 3 Sandringham City 3

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Orange (Sun): East Benteleigh Beaumaris , North Caulfield 2 0 Aspendale 4, Brighton Bye , Bayside Knights Sandringham City

South East SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Yellow (Sun): North Caulfield 2 Hampton 4, Caulfield Cobras 0 North Caulfield 1 5, Bayside Knights 2 Sandringham City 0, Brighton 2 East Benteigh 2

South East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sat): Glen Eira Brighton 1 , Brighton 2 4 Sandringham City 2 2, Doveton 5 Sandringham City 1 0

South East SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos (Sun) : Benteleigh Greens 0 Sandringham City 2 3, North Caulfield 2 2 Hampton 1, Bayside Knights 1 Sandringham City 1 6, Aspendale North Caulfield 1

South East-South SSF Girls 11 Joeyes Pink (Sun): Sandringham 1 0 Brighton 2 5, Hampton 0 North Caulfield 1 2, Mornington East Benteleigh , Sandringham 2 5 Bayside Argonauts 2, Brighton 1 1 North Caulfield 2 1

South East-Sth SSF Girls 11 Kang Purple (Sun): Sandringham 1 5 North Caulfield 0, Mornington 1 Beaumaris 0, Sandringham 2 0 Brighton 5

South SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Blue (Sun): Endeavour Utd 5 Mornington 1, Hampton Park Utd 4 Langwarrin 2, Noble Park 2 Doveton 0, Peninsula 2 2 Peninsula 1 1, Berwick City 4 Carrum Utd 1, Casey Comets 1 Casey Panthers 6

South SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Lime (Sun) : Dandenong Thunder Hampton Park Utd , Langwarrin 6 South Springvale 1, Berwick City 1 0 Springvale White Eagles 9, Berwick City 2 4 Peninsula 0, Heatherton Utd 8 Casey Panthers 2

South SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Blue (Sun): Berwick City 2 Springvale White Eagles 8, Carrum Utd 3 Casey Panthers 0, Southern Stars Dandenong Thunder , Peninsula 0 South Eastern Piranhas 5, Mornington 7 Langwarrin 3

West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Green (Sun) : Green Gully Cavaliers Point Cook FC , Melton 0 Hoppers Crossing 5, Spring Hills 1 1 Cairnlea 2 0, Bacchus Marsh Altona East Phoenix , Spring Hills 2 3 Cairnlea 1 1

West SSF Boys 11 Joeyes Yellow (Sun) : Green Gully Cavaliers Keilor Park , Cairnlea 6 Werribee City 1, Sydenham Park Brimbank City , St Albans Saints 1 Barnstoneworth Utd 4, Point Cook FC 3 Satellite City Utd 1

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Orange (Sun) : Melbourne Knights 4 Hoppers Crossing 2, Laverton Park 0 Werribee City 5, Sydenham Park Altona Magic , St Albans Saints Green Gully Cavaliers , Sunshine Heights Sunshine George Cross

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos Yellow (Sun): Altona City 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 4, Altona East Phoenix 0 Keilor Park 3, Ballarat Academy of Soccer 3 Spring Hills 2, Sunshine Heights Green Gully Cavaliers 2 , Williamstown 3 Sunshine George Cross 8, Barnstoneworth Utd 0 Brimbank Stallions 2

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Sunshine George Cross , Cairnlea 5 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona City 2 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 5, Brimbank Stallions 2 Williamstown 7, Spring Hills 0 Keilor Park 1, Point Cook FC 0 Altona City 1 5

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Sunshine George Cross , Cairnlea 5 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona City 2 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 5, Brimbank Stallions 2 Williamstown 7, Spring Hills 0 Keilor Park 1, Point Cook FC 0 Altona City 1 5

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Sunshine George Cross , Cairnlea 5 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona City 2 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 5, Brimbank Stallions 2 Williamstown 7, Spring Hills 0 Keilor Park 1, Point Cook FC 0 Altona City 1 5

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Sunshine George Cross , Cairnlea 5 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona City 2 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 5, Brimbank Stallions 2 Williamstown 7, Spring Hills 0 Keilor Park 1, Point Cook FC 0 Altona City 1 5

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Sunshine George Cross , Cairnlea 5 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona City 2 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 5, Brimbank Stallions 2 Williamstown 7, Spring Hills 0 Keilor Park 1, Point Cook FC 0 Altona City 1 5

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Sunshine George Cross , Cairnlea 5 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona City 2 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 5, Brimbank Stallions 2 Williamstown 7, Spring Hills 0 Keilor Park 1, Point Cook FC 0 Altona City 1 5

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Sunshine George Cross , Cairnlea 5 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona City 2 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 5, Brimbank Stallions 2 Williamstown 7, Spring Hills 0 Keilor Park 1, Point Cook FC 0 Altona City 1 5

West SSF Boys 11 Kangaroos/Joeyes (Sun): Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Sunshine George Cross , Cairnlea 5 Melbourne Knights 0, Altona City 2 0 Green Gully Cavaliers 1 5, Brimbank Stallions 2 Williamstown 7, Spring Hills 0 Keilor Park 1, Point Cook FC 0 Altona City 1 5

Boys	18	Central	-					Northern						
			P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A
South Melbourne			4	3	1	0	21	6	10					
Sunshine George Cross			4	3	1	0	14	4	10					
Pascoe Vale			4	2	1	1	12	8	7					
Whittlesea Ranges FC			3	2	1	0	6	2	7					
Northern Utd			3	1	1	1	9	6	4					
Carlton Youth			3	1	1	1	8	11	4					
Northcote City			4	1	0	3	11	18	3					
Heidelberg Stars			4	1	0	3	10	17	3					
Port Melbourne			4	0	0	4	15	13	0					
Heidelberg Utd			3	1	0	2	2	13	0					

Boys	18	Eastern-			North-East				
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
Sherbrooke Rangers		4	4	0	0	24	5	12	
Doncaster Rovers		4	4	0	0	17	3	12	
Manningham		4	3	0	1	24	3	9	
Glen Waverley		3	2	0	1	5	6	6	
DOC Utd		4	1	0	3	4	8	3	
Whitehorse Utd		2	0	0	2	1	12	0	
Ringwood City		4	0	0	4	2	17	0	
Ashburton		3	0	0	3	3	26	0	

Boys	18	Purple						
		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Sunshine George Cross		4	3	1	0	14	3	10
Richmond		4	3	0	1	14	3	9
South Melbourne		4	3	0	1	8	5	9
FC Bulleen Lions		3	2	1	0	8	4	7
Dandenong Thunder		4	2	1	1	7	4	7
Green Gully Cavaliers		4	1	0	3	4	5	3
Oakleigh Cannons		4	0	2	2	5	13	2
Heidelberg Utd		4	1	1	2	5	7	1
Altona Magic		3	0	1	2	1	7	1
Northcote City		4	0	1	3	6	21	1

Boys	18	South-East	-					Eastern	
			P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Southern Suburbs			3	3	0	0	14	1	9
Eastern Lions			3	2	0	1	13	5	6
East Benteigh			4	2	0	2	8	19	6
Riversdale			3	1	2	0	13	6	5
Benteigh Greens			4	1	1	2	13	7	4
Manningham			4	1	1	2	12	8	4
Brighton			3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Oakleigh Cannons			2	1	1	0	4	3	4
Bayside Argonauts			4	0	0	4	0	29	

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Sandy pulls level with Inter

By Niki Cook

Round 5 of the Victorian Women's Premier League was, to say the least, somewhat brief, with only two matches taking place. In those fixtures,

Ashburton enjoyed a big win, while the points were shared between Box Hill and Sandringham. The matches between Heidelberg United and Bendigo Vipers, and Casey Comets and South Melbourne were both postponed due to the involvement of players in state squads. Those matches will now take place on the Sunday of the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Sandringham enjoyed a successful five days last week, recording a win and a draw despite a very short turnaround. On Monday night it defeated Casey Comets at Kingston Heath for its third victory of the season.

First half goals from Michele Parton and Emma Runnalls gave the home side the advantage, and Sandringham was able to hold on for the three points, despite Lisa Cloke pulling a goal back for Casey in the second period. Then, on Friday night, Sandringham faced the difficult proposition of confronting Box Hill Inter at Wembley Park.

Despite having a shorter recovery time than its opponent, Sandringham proved equal to the challenge, holding Inter to a 1-1 draw, with both teams scoring in the first half, and the visitor also becoming the first team to score against Box Hill this season.

The two teams end the round at the top of the ladder on eleven points, and

they are also the two remaining undefeated teams.

The only other match to take place in Round 5 pitted Preston Lions against Ashburton at BT Connor Reserve on Sunday afternoon. Having picked up its first win last weekend, Preston was brought back to earth with a bump, as Ashburton ran riot over its hosts.

Four goals to one to the good at the interval, Ashburton's second win of the season was never in doubt, and it added a further two unanswered goals after the interval to wrap up a big victory. Ellvana Curo and Gulcan Koca both scored twice, with singles from Emma Natoli and Stephanie Tanti. Angela Talevska was the sole scorer for Preston.

The result lifts Ashburton to third on the ladder with nine points, and with a game in hand over the two teams that are currently two points ahead of it. Preston remains in sixth place, with four points.

Next weekend should see the competition return to a full complement of matches, beginning on Saturday afternoon with Bendigo Vipers against Preston Lions at Churchill Reserve, Benalla. Another two matches take place on Sunday, with Casey Comets playing Heidelberg United at Comets Stadium, and the competition's two winless teams, South Melbourne and Altona City meeting at McIvor Reserve

The final match of the round is between Sandringham and Ashburton on Monday night at Kingston Heath. Box Hill Inter has the bye.



Amy Scarlett (Preston) clatters into the back of Christine Pfeiffer
PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON



Gulcan Koca (Ashburton) about to break away from Kirstie Shearing (Preston).
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Jess Cvetkovska (right) kicks the ball away from Christine Pfeiffer (Ashburton). Kate Christoff backs up for Preston
PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

WPL RESULTS

Box Hill Inter 1
Sandringham 1

Preston Lions 1
(A Talevska)
Ashburton 6
(E Curo 2 G Koca 2 E Natoli S Tanti)

Reserves:
Box Hill Inter 2
Sandringham 2,

Preston Lions 1
Ashburton 1

WPL NEXT ROUND

Bendigo Vipers v Preston Lions
Churchill Reserve
Sat 15 May KO 3:00PM

Casey Comets v Heidelberg Utd
Comets Stadium
Sun 16 May KO 1:00PM

South Melbourne v Altona City
McIvor Reserve
Sun 16 May KO 1:00PM

Sandringham v Ashburton
Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Mon 17 May KO 8:30PM

Bye v Box Hill Inter

WPL LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Box Hill Inter	5	3	2	0	11	1	11
Sandringham	5	3	2	0	8	5	11
Ashburton	4	3	0	1	15	5	9
Heidelberg Utd	3	2	0	1	7	2	6
Casey Comets	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Preston Lions	4	1	1	2	6	11	4
Bendigo Vipers	4	1	1	2	1	6	4
Altona City	4	0	0	4	2	12	0
South Melbourne	4	0	0	4	2	12	0

WPL RESERVES

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ashburton	4	3	1	0	20	3	10
Sandringham	5	3	1	1	9	6	10
Heidelberg Utd	3	2	1	0	7	4	7
Box Hill Inter	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
Casey Comets	3	2	0	1	6	3	6
BASL	4	2	0	2	6	14	6
South Melbourne	4	1	1	2	8	7	4
Preston Lions	4	0	1	3	1	10	1
Altona City	4	0	0	4	3	15	0

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Seniors	STATE NORTH WEST 2							Reserves							
Whittlesea Ranges 1 (S Lamanda) Port Melbourne 1 (R O'Hare), Altona City 2 Banyule City 0, Brunswick City 2 Ballarat Red Devils 0, Geelong Rangers 1 (D Valys) Altona East Phoenix 5 (S Kul P Meletis B Lojanica 3), Werribee City 2 (V Cichello JC Spiteri) Moreland City 1 (R Dinse), Williamstown 1 (A Dimitrijevic) Sydenham Park 0								Whittlesea Ranges 1 Port Melbourne 1, Brunswick City 2 Ballarat Red Devils 4, Geelong Rangers 2 Altona East Phoenix 0, Werribee City 1 Moreland City 4, Williamstown 1 Sydenham Park 2							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Port Melbourne	5	4	1	0	10	3	13	Whittlesea Ranges	5	4	1	0	12	4	13
Brunswick City	5	4	0	1	8	3	12	Altona City	4	4	0	0	8	2	12
Williamstown	5	3	2	0	6	1	11	Ballarat Red Devils	5	4	0	1	12	7	12
Whittlesea Ranges	5	3	1	1	10	7	10	Port Melbourne	5	3	1	1	8	4	10
Werribee City	5	3	1	1	8	5	10	Moreland City	5	3	0	2	13	12	9
Altona East Phoenix	5	2	1	2	10	6	7	Brunswick City	5	2	1	2	11	8	7
Moreland City	5	2	0	3	8	9	6	Werribee City	5	2	0	3	10	11	6
Geelong Rangers	5	2	0	3	6	10	6	Williamstown	5	1	1	3	4	8	4
Altona City	5	1	2	2	6	8	5	Geelong Rangers	5	1	1	3	5	13	4
Ballarat Red Devils	5	0	2	3	3	8	2	Altona East Phoenix	5	1	0	4	3	7	3
Banyule City	5	0	1	4	3	10	1	Sydenham Park	5	1	0	4	6	13	3
Sydenham Park	5	0	1	4	2	10	1	Banyule City	4	0	1	3	2	5	1

Seniors	STATE NORTH WEST 3							Reserves							
Hume Utd 1 Westgate 0, Keilor Park 2 (S Mussel M Xerri) Cairnlea 0, La Trobe University 2 (N Vissaris D Greening) Sunbury Utd 3 (D Moore D Gray D Murdaca), Maribymong Greens 2 (A Mesinovic) Lalor 0, Melbourne University 2 Essendon Utd 2 (RA Carchedi), Yarraville Glory 2 (J Ikanovic) Geelong 3 (A Cicak)								Hume Utd 10 Westgate 2, Keilor Park 0 Cairnlea 4, La Trobe University 1 Sunbury Utd 3, Maribymong Greens 2 Lalor 2, Melbourne University 6 Essendon Utd 0, Yarraville Glory 3 Geelong 0							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Yarraville Glory	5	3	1	1	12	7	10	Sunbury Utd	5	5	0	0	18	6	15
Keilor Park	5	3	1	1	7	4	10	Keilor Park	5	4	0	1	18	10	12
Geelong	5	3	1	1	11	9	10	Melbourne University	5	3	0	2	15	10	9
Hume Utd	5	3	1	1	7	5	10	Cairnlea	5	2	2	1	14	10	8
Westgate	5	2	2	1	8	5	8	La Trobe University	5	1	3	1	13	13	6
La Trobe University	5	2	2	1	12	10	8	Lalor	5	1	3	1	11	11	6
Sunbury Utd	5	2	1	2	8	10	7	Maribymong Greens	5	2	2	1	10	12	5
Melbourne University	5	1	2	2	10	8	5	Essendon Utd	5	1	2	2	9	15	5
Lalor	5	0	4	1	7	9	4	Geelong	5	1	2	2	7	16	5
Maribymong Greens	5	2	1	2	4	6	4	Hume Utd	5	1	1	3	20	19	4
Essendon Utd	5	0	2	3	5	10	2	Yarraville Glory	5	1	1	3	10	11	4
Cairnlea	5	0	0	5	4	12	0	Westgate	5	0	0	5	6	18	0

Seniors	PROVI 1 NORTH WEST							Reserves							
Corio 2 North City Lions 1, Melbourne City 2 Elwood City 2 (J Oakes), North Sunshine Eagles 1 FC Strathmore 2, Northern Falcons 0 Laverton Park 0, Westvale 2 (A Inglese KM Bouzis) South Yarra 0, Whittlesea Utd 1 (L Spiteri) Avondale Heights 3								Corio 0 North City Lions 3, Melbourne City 2 Elwood City 3, North Sunshine Eagles 0 FC Strathmore 2, Northern Falcons 1 Laverton Park 3, Westvale 2 South Yarra 3, Whittlesea Utd 0 Avondale Heights 1							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Avondale Heights	5	5	0	0	11	1	15	Avondale Heights	5	4	0	1	12	4	1
Whittlesea Utd	5	4	0	1	12	7	12	FC Strathmore	5	4	0	1	8	6	1
Corio	5	4	0	1	8	4	12	Whittlesea Utd	5	3	1	1	7	1	1
Laverton Park	5	3	1	1	9	4	10	South Yarra	5	3	0	2	13	10	
FC Strathmore	5	3	1	1	9	6	10	North City Lions	5	3	0	2	9	6	
North Sunshine Eagles	5	2	0	3	8	7	6	Corio	5	2	2	1	12	6	
Westvale	5	2	0	3	5	6	6	North Sunshine Eagles	5	2	2	1	8	6	
Melbourne City	5	1	1	3	5	8	4	Laverton Park	5	2	1	2	6	4	
South Yarra	5	1	1	3	2	9	4	Elwood City	5	2	0	3	11	13	
Northern Falcons	5	1	2	2	2	5	2	Westvale	5	1	0	4	6	12	
Elwood City	5	0	2	3	4	9	2	Melbourne City	5	1	0	4	8	20	
North City Lions	5	0	0	5	3	12	0	Northern Falcons	5	0	0	5	5	17	

Seniors	PROVI 2 NORTH WEST							Reserves							
Bell Park 0 Surf Coast 1 (J Taylor), Collingwood City 0 Western Eagles 3 (M Kowalski 2 K Hubiak), Lalor Utd 2 (Z Tomovski G Risteski) Epping City 2 (J Bozinovski N Filin), Melbourne Tornado 1 (R Blazevic) Moreland Utd 2 (A Staikuras), Plenty Valley Lions 2 (D Petkovski 2) Hoppers Crossing 1 (M Barbieri), Melton 5 West Preston 2								Bell Park 2 Surf Coast 1, Collingwood City 5 Western Eagles 2, Lalor Utd 1 Epping City 0, Melbourne Tornado 2 Moreland Utd 3, Plenty Valley Lions 0 Hoppers Crossing 3, Melton 1 West Preston 2							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Western Eagles	5	4	0	1	14	5	12	West Preston	5	5	0	0	12	5	1
Surf Coast	5	4	0	1	10	5	12	Collingwood City	5	3	1	1	16	9	1
Plenty Valley Lions	5	4	0	1	11	7	12	Hoppers Crossing	5	3	1	1	11	7	1
Epping City	5	3	1	1	11	9	10	Lalor Utd	5	3	0	2	8	5	9
Moreland Utd	5	4	0	1	9	4	9	Epping City	5	2	1	2	14	10	7
Melton	5	2	1	2	9	8	7	Bell Park	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Hoppers Crossing	5	2	0	3	7	10	6	Surf Coast	5	2	0	3	8	10	6
West Preston	5	2	0	3	5	10	6	Plenty Valley Lions	5	1	3	1	5	7	6
Lalor Utd	5	1	1	3	7	13	4	Melton	5	1	2	2	7	9	5
Bell Park	5	1	0	4	8	10	3	Moreland Utd	5	2	1	2	10	9	4
Melbourne Tornado	5	1	0	4	7	11	3	Western Eagles	5	0	2	3	2	8	2
Collingwood City	5	0	1	4	5	11	1	Melbourne Tornado	5	0	0	5	6	20	0

Seniors	PROVI 3 NORTH WEST							Reserves							
Mill Park 1 (A Nicolaou) Brimbank Stallions 5 (S Kladaric 2 M Raniolo PJ Mangion), Youth Utd 1 (D Kaya) Balmoral 4, Brunswick Zebras 2 (D Romagnano M Roca) Watsonia Heights 2 (A Seelye J Krstevski), Bundoora Utd 0 Meadow Park Eagles 2, Keilor Wolves 0 Upfield 3 (J Kakos), Northern Roosters 3 (R Yildiz a uguz F Eren) Darebin Utd 2 (J Nikolarakos 2)								Mill Park 2 Brimbank Stallions 4, Youth Utd 5 Balmoral 0, Brunswick Zebras 1 Watsonia Heights 4, Bundoora Utd 1 Meadow Park Eagles 0, Keilor Wolves 3 Upfield 1, Northern Roosters 2 Darebin Utd 4							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Upfield	5	4	1	0	13	4	13	Watsonia Heights	5	5	0	0	25	3	15
Northern Roosters	5	4	0	1	11	7	12	Upfield	5	3	1	1	22	8	10
Darebin Utd	5	3	1	1	13	7	10	Youth Utd	5	3	1	1	12	6	10
Watsonia Heights	5	3	1	1	9	4	10	Keilor Wolves	5	3	0	2	12	13	9
Brimbank Stallions	5	2	2	1	17	14	8	Brimbank Stallions	5	2	2	1	16	14	8
Mill Park	5	2	0	3	5	10	6	Darebin Utd	5	2	1	2	9	7	7
Meadow Park Eagles	5	1	2	2	4	4	5	Brunswick Zebras	5	1	3	1	11	8	6
Balmoral	5	1	2	2	8	9	5	Bundoora Utd	5	1	3	1	7	7	6
Youth Utd	5	1	2	2	4	7	5	Balmoral	5	2	0	3	3	15	6
Keilor Wolves	5	1	2	2	6	12	5	Northern Roosters	5	0	3	2	9	13	3
Brunswick Zebras	5	0	2	3	3	7	2	Meadow Park Eagles	5	0	1	4	4	16	1
Bundoora Utd	5	0	1	4	6	14	1	Mill Park	5	0	1	4	6	26	1

Seniors	STATE SOUTH EAST 2							Reserves							
Eastern Lions 3 (MW Nyadzayo O Harel 2) Casey Comets 4 (L Ryan N Henry F Murwira AJ Saunders), Dandenong City 1 (Z Tudor) Berwick City 0, Southern Stars 4 (B Sakaci AF Mulcahy 2 C Platt) Morwell Pegasus 3 (F Albanese 2 CT Bell), Heatherton Utd 2 Doncaster Rovers 1, Knox City 1 Frankston Pines 0, Southern Suburbs 0 Diamond Valley Utd 2 (A Giuliano L Minopoulos)								Eastern Lions 0 Casey Comets 1, Dandenong City 3 Berwick City 2, Southern Stars 3 Morwell Pegasus 0, Heatherton Utd 2 Doncaster Rovers 3, Knox City 3 Frankston Pines 0, Southern Suburbs 0 Diamond Valley Utd 4							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Southern Stars	5	4	1	0	9	3	13	Diamond Valley Utd	5	4	0	1	19	7	12
Diamond Valley Utd	5	3	1	1	13	11	10	Knox City	5	4	0	1	13	6	12
Morwell Pegasus	5	3	0	2	10	7	9	Casey Comets	5	3	1	1	8	5	10
Heatherton Utd	5	2	3	0	6	4	9	Berwick City	4	3	0	1	8	5	9
Casey Comets	5	2	2	1	10	8	8	Dandenong City	4	3	0	1	10	9	9
Dandenong City	5	2	2	1	7	5	8	Southern Stars	4	2	0	2	9	7	6
Knox City	5	2	2	1	7	7	8	Eastern Lions	5	2	0	3	10	10	6
Doncaster Rovers	5	2	0	3	7	8	6	Heatherton Utd	5	2	0	3	6	8	6
Eastern Lions	5	1	1	3	9	12	4	Southern Suburbs	4	1	1	2	6	10	4
Berwick City	4	0	2	2	1	4	2	Frankston Pines	5	1	0	4	7	13	3
Southern Suburbs	4	0	1	3	5	10	1	Morwell Pegasus	5	1	0	4	8	16	3
Frankston Pines	5	0	1	4	2	7		Doncaster Rovers	5	1	0	4	7	15	3

Seniors	STATE SOUTH EAST 3							Reserves							
Hume Utd 1 (S Caglar) Westgate 0, Keilor Park 2 (S Mussel M Xerri) Cairnlea 0, La Trobe University 2 (N Vissaris D Greening) Sunbury Utd 3 (D Moore D Gray D Murdaca), Maribymong Greens 2 (A Mesinovic) Lalor 0, Melbourne University 2 (H Diagne TE Crowle) Essendon Utd 2 (RA Carchedi B Defina), Yarraville Glory 2 (J Ikanovic) Geelong 3 (M Gorosito A Cicak Own Goal)								Hume Utd 10 Westgate 2, Keilor Park 0 Cairnlea 4, La Trobe University 1 Sunbury Utd 3, Maribymong Greens 2 Lalor 2, Melbourne University 6 Essendon Utd 0, Yarraville Glory 3 Geelong 0							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT		P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
South Springvale	5	4	0	1	14	4	12	Noble Park Utd	5	4	1	0	15	8	13
Kingston City	5	4	0	1	12	6	12	Nunawading City FC	5	4	0	1	18	11	12
Noble Park Utd	5	3	1	1	12	8	10	South Springvale	5	3	1	1	10	4	10
Waverley Wanderers	5	2	2	1	6	5	8	Fitzroy City	5	2	2	1	13	9	8
Croydon City Arrows	5	2	1	2	9	7	7	Croydon City Arrows	5	2	2	1	9	5	8
Mornington	5	2	0	3	10	10	6	Kingston City	5	2	1	2	17	8	7
North Caulfield	5	2	0	3	12	15	6	Peninsula Strikers	5	1	3	1	10	8	6
Fitzroy City	5	2	0	3	11	14	6	Springvale City	5	2	0	3	9	16	6
Nunawading City FC	5	2	0	3	4	7	6	Mornington	5	1	2	2	9	15	5
Peninsula Strikers	5	2	0	3	5	10	6	Brandon Park	5	1	1	3	8	13	4
Brandon Park	5	1	2	2	8	9	5	North Caulfield	5	1	1	3	9	15	4
Springvale City	5	0	2	3	6	14	2	Waverley Wanderers	5	0	0	5	5	20	0

Zebras March as Lions Lick Wounds

By Aritro Abedin

In this week's State League Division 1 action, Whittlesea continued their strong early season form with a win over the Warriors, Langwarrin hammered eight man Pascoe Vale at Hosken reserve and Malvern City notched up a welcome first win for this term over a Preston side whose campaign sunk further into the abyss.

North Geelong Warriors 0 vs Whittlesea Zebras 2

Gianfranco Impellizzeri's side claimed the points at Elcho Park in a contest that the home side will perhaps be somewhat aggrieved to have lost, after enjoying the majority of the possession and allowing a number of high quality chances to go begging. After starting brightly, they conceded the first goal at the 25th minute mark as Martin Collins' shot took a wicked deflection and beat the Warriors keeper who could do nothing but watch it fly over his head. The home side then tried to take the game to the Zebras but they paid the ultimate price for poor finishing as an 85th minute goal from Dmytro Koltsov put the game beyond their reach. 'I tried to get them to use the width and get some crosses in, but in the end (the result) just didn't eventuate for us,' said Warriors coach Vinko Buljubasic, whose side faces division strugglers Preston next week. 'I've just got to instill some confidence in the boys and we need to finish our chances next week.'

Langwarrin 4 vs Pascoe Vale 1

Langwarrin secured a thumping win over Pascoe Vale in farcical circumstances as a pair of goalkeeper errors and three red cards complete turned the contest on its head. The home side found themselves one nil up early in the first half, and then proceeded to settle into a solid defensive rhythm, but their good work was undone by their goalkeeper whose bizarre errors handed two gifts to Langwarrin forwards Matt Durand and Chris Driver who duly put the home-side 2-1 up at half time. The match then turned into an impromptu game of musical chairs three Pascoe Vale players on the receiving end of red-cards, leaving eight of their team-mates to fend off a Langwarrin attack that made no mistake in making them pay as Matt Durand completed his hat-trick with two second half strikes. Langwarrin coach Gus Mcleod acknowledged his team had been handed their share of luck, saying 'you never know what could have happened if it had been eleven against eleven. The result was probably unfair to them, we were one nil down in the first half and they were difficult to break down. But I'm pleased with the performance because away wins are very important in this league. As a coach you feel sorry for the other coach, but I'm very pleased we got three points against Pascoe Vale.'

Malvern City 1 vs Preston Lions 0

The Lions disastrous start to the season continued at John Cain Memorial Park on Saturday as they were turned over by a Malvern City side that notched up its first win for the season. In the end the score-line flattered Preston who were outplayed all over the park, and Malvern coach Pat Liapis must be disappointed that Simon Groome's headed winner was the only thing separating the two teams at full-time. However, he was pleased with the way his charges executed his game plan, 'they tend to sit square at the back and have a bit of a weak deference, so we just kept knocking in long-balls over the top and we had six one-on-ones just in the first twenty minutes. We stuck to the plan and it worked.' The game also marked Liapis' first appearance as a player this season, and he joked 'everyone else said I was best on ground, but I reckon I was



While his team celebrates in the background, Malvern player-coach Pat Liapis gives thanks that the team has set up its first win for the season. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

second.' However, he was less enthused about the state of his body after the game. 'I'm f****ing feeling it today! We've got Western Suburbs next week and I'm definitely not changing a winning combination- which means I've got to bloody play again.'

St.Albans Saints 3 vs Clifton Hill 1

St.Albans fought out a 3-1 win over Ivan Jolic's Clifton Hill in a scrappy encounter at Churchill Reserve on Sunday. The bumpy surface at the ground meant that a free-flowing contest was always unlikely, and this along with the extremely windy conditions made it difficult for both sides to play their best football. Josip Loncaric's penalty put the Saints in front in the 4th minute and they always had the game under control from that point on. Tommy Razov latched onto a through ball and delighted the home fans with a delicate chip over the keeper to double his side's advantage in the 61st minute, before squaring a pass for Ivan Razov who made no mistake with the finish 4 minutes later. Saints coach Kruni Razov was understandably pleased with the result ' It was a scrappy game because of the wind and the bumpy ground. We tried to keep the ball and make sure we didn't take our foot off the accelerator after the first goal. It was a good fight, and it was good to get the three points. We really needed it.'



The Saints go marcing in in! Tomi hugs his brother Ivo Razov. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK



Simon Groom raises his arm in triumph after scoring the winning goal. PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

SL1 RESULTS

**North Geelong Warriors 0
Whittlesea Zebras 2**
(M Collins D Koltsov)

Pascoe Vale 1
(L Flynn)
Langwarrin 4
(M Durand 3 C Driver),

Malvern City 1
(S Groom)
Preston Lions 0

St Albans Saints 3
(I Razov T Razov)
FC Clifton Hill 1

***Playing tonight:**
Bulleen Lions v Western Suburbs
Veneto Social Club
KO 8.30pm

Springvale WE v Fawknor Blues
White eagles Stadium
KO 8.30pm

Under 21s:
North Geelong Warriors 2 Whittlesea Zebras 0, Pascoe Vale 0 Langwarrin 2, Malvern City 2 Preston Lions 1, St Albans Saints 2 FC Clifton Hill 1

SL1 NEXT ROUND

Round 7
Fawknor Blues v FC Bulleen Lions
CB Smith Reserve
Sat 15 May KO 3:00PM

FC Clifton Hill v Springvale White Eagles
Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Sat 15 May KO 3:00PM

Langwarrin v St Albans Saints
Lawton Park Reserve
Sat 15 May KO 3:00PM

Whittlesea Zebras v Pascoe Vale
Epping Soccer Stadium
Sun 16 May KO 3:00PM

Preston Lions v Nth Geelong Warriors
BT Connor Reserve
Sun 16 May KO 3:00PM

Western Suburbs v Malvern City
Ralph Reserve
Sun 16 May KO 3:00PM

SL1 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Bulleen Lions	4	3	1	0	11	0	10
Langwarrin	5	3	0	2	11	7	9
Whittlesea Zebras	5	3	0	2	7	5	9
Pascoe Vale	5	3	0	2	5	6	9
Western Suburbs	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
Springvale White Eagles	4	2	1	1	6	6	7
Fawknor Blues	4	2	1	1	6	6	7
St Albans Saints	5	2	3	0	12	8	6
FC Clifton Hill	5	1	0	4	7	9	3
North Geelong Warriors	4	0	3	1	3	5	3
Malvern City	4	1	0	3	1	8	3
Preston Lions	5	0	0	5	3	14	0

SL1 U21 LADDER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
FC Bulleen Lions	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
North Geelong Warriors	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
Langwarrin	5	3	1	1	7	3	10
Pascoe Vale	5	3	0	2	14	7	9
St Albans Saints	5	3	1	1	11	8	7
Western Suburbs	4	2	1	1	6	10	7
FC Clifton Hill	5	1	1	3	5	8	4
Malvern City	4	1	1	2	6	10	4
Springvale White Eagles	4	1	0	3	5	8	3
Whittlesea Zebras	5	0	3	2	4	7	3
Fawknor Blues	4	1	0	3	4	7	3
Preston Lions	5	1	0	4	7	11	3

BENTLEIGH GREENS



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HUME CITY



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Match Details:

Apologies, but information was unavailable at time of going to press.

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Hume's five star display

By Abraam Gregoriou

On a wet and muddy pitch Hume City annihilated the Greens with a 5-1 away victory. With 6 players returning Hume were clearly back to their dominant ways that saw them open the season with five straight comfortable victories.

But it was not all smooth sailing for Hume, as it was the Greens who opened the scoring in the 7th minute with a clever shot by Greens striker Damir Lonvancic getting past the more experienced Hume keeper and making it 1-0 for the home team. The home crowd thought they were seeing the beginning of an upset.



Damir Lonvancic opens the score for the Greens, but it was all downhill from there.

PHOTO: ANITA MILAS

Unfortunately the euphoria of the home crowd was short lived when less than a minute later Hume equalised when a deflection by the Greens stand in keeper Cliff Henry was caught by Hume striker Turham Sumbul who made no mistake making the score 1-1.

Hume continued to press the Greens defence for the rest of the first half. Short breaks on the counter attack and some stylish dribbling kept the Greens defence on their toes but it did manage to hold up against a much more experienced Hume attack.

For most of the second half the momentum was with Hume. Constant attacking and dominance in the midfield made a Hume goal ever the more likely. In the 56th minute Hume enjoyed the fruits of their labour when Hume striker Alfonso Opazo exposed the gaps in the Greens defence and give his team a 2-1 lead.

From that point on Hume ran riot over the hapless Greens. Goals from Richard Cardazo in the 56th minute and two more goals from Hume front man Turham Sumbul in the 69th and 77th minute giving him a hat-trick secured their team a resounding 5-1 victory.

Hume was simply the better team on the night. They adapted to the wet conditions, were more patient with the ball and exposed their opponent weaknesses. The Greens were not necessarily bad but were simply outclassed by a superior opponent. The result sends a warning bell to the rest of the competition that Hume are definitely back.

The victory puts Hume back into second spot on the ladder with a home match against Northcote City next Sunday to prepare for (kick off at 3pm). While the loss drops the Greens into sixth place still with a game in hand, and facing the daunting task of having to travel to Richmond on Friday night (kick off 8:30pm).



Turham Sumbul is elated after nabbing one of his two goals.

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Hume's Fonzie Opazo scores with a header from the near post. PHOTO: ANITA MILAS



Richard Cardazo enjoys the spoils with Tansel Baser after grabbing a brace.

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GREEN GULLY



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HEIDELBERG UNITED



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Match Details:

Green Gully:

N.Roganovic, S.Burton,
M.Medjedovic, D.Jones,
J.Fleming, M.Sanders,
N.Robinson(C.Drake),
G.Hockless(M.Anderson),
J.Munoz, J.Groenewald,
A.Vargas.

Goals: Jonathan Munoz '20
Yellow Cards: Nicholas Rob-
inson

Heidelberg Warriors:
C.Morales, P.Warner,
J.Lazaridis, C.Elvin, S.Martin,
J.Kozic, H.Matkovic(K.Cr-
nic), O.Ederado, H.Basma(J.
Melo), Y.Galanos(R.Hossaini),
S.Alexovski.

Goals: Kerr Crnic '93
Yellow Cards: Osagie Ederado,
Steve Martin, Junior Melo

Man of the Match:
Jonathon Munoz (Gully)

Crowd: 500

Last gasp goal blows Gully

By Markian Jaworsky

The last kick of the match salvaged a point for the travelling Heidelberg Warriors, it was also a cruel kick in the teeth for the Cavaliers. Green Gully were leading after 20 minutes of play from a Jonathan Munoz goal. Munoz managed to flick the ball past Heidelberg Goalkeeper Christian Morales, after having hit the deck in a one on one tussle inside the Warriors penalty area.

The Munoz goal was but just one example of an overall individual effort from the midfielder who put all of his heart into the match, was clearly best on ground, and after the final whistle hit the deck again in disappointment at having given away two points in a such a cruel finish for the home team.

Both teams went into the game with injuries and players missing in action. Green Gully already without striker Gary Wales, were rocked futher when their best player from the previous weekend Joshua Groenewald had to pull out of the fixture suffering from the flu.

The home team had most of the play in the first half, however Heidelberg finished the half with a few chances on goal, in a sign of what was to come in the second half. Heidelberg's Steve Martin missed a great opportunity to equalise midway through the second half, spraying a close range header wide from a corner kick. Gully were

fortunate the header went wide, as they consistently did not have any player on the backpost. Ironically, Gully's Matthew Sanders sprayed a header from virtually the same position, giving credence to the wild theory of there being a Bermuda Triangle like phenomenom effect at the airport end of the ground.

The Green Gully midfield was suffering engine failure in the second half, and Heidelberg began to pepper the Gully defense. Osagie Ederado easily passed flat-footed Gully defenders and Yianni Galanos twice made space to have shot at the Gully goal. Green Gully Coach had seen enough and brought on youngsters Michael Anderson and Cameron Drake and for 20 odd minutes, Gully again found their mojo and looked like scoring a second goal. However it was not to be. One last push forward by Heidelberg, some three minutes into injury time, Heidelberg substitute Kerr Crnic found space on the right hand side of the Gully penalty area, got the through ball he required and blasted the ball into the back of the net.

When asked about Gully's prospects against Melbourne Knights next weekend, fast maturing Michael Anderson replied that he would first focus on training during the week.

In the Under 21's, Green Gully lost a 1-0 lead in the second half, conceding two late goals and losing 1-2.



Supersub Kerr Crnic throws Heidelberg a lifeline after scoring an equaliser deep into injury time. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK



The Berger bench show signs of relief as coach George Katsakis (centre) embraces more than the final whistle. PHOTO: DANIEL FLIS



All eyes are on the ball as Joinathon Munez (on the floor) scores for Green Gully in the early stages of the match. PHOTO: STEVE STAREK




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OAKLEIGH CANNONS



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SOUTH MELBOURNE



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Match Details:

Oakleigh Cannons:
Griffin McMaster, Jamie Cumming, John Fitzgerald, Stelios Drakos, Bill Damianos, Jerry Karpeh, Cameron Watson, Michael Curcija, Aristidis Drakos, Nick Kalmar (Bonnell Obradovic 72'), Scott Webster (Ljuban Palinic 84')

Scorers: John Fitzgerald 40', Nick Kalmar 54'

South Melbourne:
Peter Zois, Rhodri Payne, Steve O'Dor, Eddie Cetkin, Joe Keenan, Carl Recchia, Joseph Youssef, Rama Tavsancioglu, Fernando De Moraes, Marinos Gasparis (Sasha Vranesevic 70'), Sebastian Petrovic

Scorer: Fernando De Moraes 14'

Man of the Match:
Peter Zois (SMFC)

Venue: Kingston Heath Soccer Complex
Date: Saturday 8th May 2010
Crowd: 1,000

Cannons take derby honours

By John Kyrou

South Melbourne FC suffered a second consecutive defeat with a 2-1 loss against the Oakleigh Cannons at Kingston Heath Soccer Complex on Saturday afternoon.

Despite starting strongly and going a goal ahead, South could not hold on and was overrun by the Cannons, who by winning the three points return back to the top of the League table.

Both sides entered the match in the top four but having lost in the previous round and as a result the three points were crucial. South were dealt a double blow with the withdrawals of Gianni De Nittis and Daniel Vasilevski through injury prior to the game, but welcomed Rhodri Payne and Marinos Gasparis back into the side whilst Joseph Youssef returned to the starting eleven to replace De Nittis.

South started the match strongly and created several good chances early to take the lead. A very tight offside call against Fernando De Moraes was quickly forgotten when the Futsalroo opened the scoring in the 14th minute. A ball played through to De Moraes put him one-on-one with Oakleigh goalkeeper Griffin McMaster. De Moraes almost succeeded in rounding him but the goalkeeper did well to push the ball away from the goals. However De Moraes won the ball back and slipped a shot past McMaster and into the net.

South enjoyed a period of dominance but were unable to increase the one goal lead. McMaster denied South a second goal with an outstanding save from a Payne shot that was heading for the bottom corner of the net and that had gone through a sea of legs. At the other end, South goalkeeper Peter Zois upheld his reputation as one of the League's best goalkeepers with some

outstanding saves, including tipping a fierce Jerry Karpeh shot over his near post.

Oakleigh slowly eased their way into the game and despite Zois' heroics managed to equalise just before halftime. A corner to the near post was flicked to the back post where an unmarked John Fitzgerald headed home to bring the scores to 1-1. The away side then scored the winning goal just after the break, again from a header from a set piece. This time Nick Kalmar was on hand to score.

South enjoyed a healthy amount of possession for the rest of the game but seemed a shadow of the creative and attacking side that it had been in the first half. South's best chance to level the game came from Payne, who was put through one-on-one with McMaster on the left side of the area. Unfortunately for the home side, Payne's end product seemed to be a mixture of a half-cross, half-shot that failed to test the keeper and leave the team still trailing 2-1.

Oakleigh had their dangerous moments as well, with the away side intent on scoring a third to ensure the three points. However Zois again stood firm in the goal, making a series of remarkable saves that kept South in the contest. Unfortunately for Zois, failure by his teammates to score at the other end meant a second consecutive defeat for the home team.

Next Sunday, Oakleigh play Altona Magic at Paisley Park, whilst on the same day South Melbourne FC hosts Sunshine George Cross at Northcote City's John Cain Memorial Reserve.



South's Carl Recchia tries to outpace some attention from the Oakleigh Cannons. PHOTO: CINDY NITSOS



South's Fernado De Moraes scored a dazzling goal in an otherwise scappy affair. PHOTO: CINDY NITSOS



Oakleigh's Cameron Watson and South's Fernando de Moraes go toe to toe. PHOTO: PETER KAKALIAS



Maribos Gaspiros tries to stay on his feet as Jerry Karpeh applies the pressure. PHOTO: CINDY NITSOS

ALTONA MAGIC



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RICHMOND EAGLES



3

Match Details:

Altona Magic: T.Tomich, A.Koltovski (J.Stojcevski 78'), Kole Delev, D.Radojicic, Koce Delev, P.Siveski, M.Theodore, P.Cergovski, M.Bojku (J.Nikolovski 87'), J.Siljanovski (M.Butshiire 68'), S.Kovacevic.

Goals: Siljanovski 24' Theodore 82'
Yellow Cards: Koltovski 22' Bojku 60'
Red Cards: None

Richmond: S.Gal, E.Karahan, D.Tsiaras, J.Krncevic (D.van't Schip 92'), D.Visevic (A.Viola 90'), D.Scullion, A.Kovacic, M.Catalano, T.Milardovic, P.Sawan (M.Lujic 46'), S.Topalovic.

Goals: Catalano 67' Visevic 73' Lujic 89'
Yellow Card: Kovacic 60'
Red Cards: None

Man of the Match:
Michael Catalano (Richmond)

Venue: Paisley Park
Crowd: 350

Revived Magic fall short

By Mark Boric

Altona went into the game with Richmond under new management, Magic legend Sash Becvinovski appointed coach after the club parted ways with Dragan Blazevski earlier in the week. His one change to the line-up which lost at Hume City was to bring in Jurica Siljanovski in place of Slave Bozinosvki. Richmond lost new signing Michael Ferrante to injury during the week, with Peter Sawan added to the starting eleven.

The game was light on for action in the early stages, a fifth minute free kick from Daniel Visevic on the left to the near post bouncing around the box before being cleared. Stjepan Gal saved from Dejan Radojicic shortly after, who had found some space on a tight angle to the left of goal. Tommi Tomich collided with Kole Delev chasing a cross from Michael Catalano, the ball almost falling to Jesse Krncevic before being cleared.

Another nervous moment for Tomich came in the eighteenth minute, when he dropped a corner from Visevic before Altona managed to clear. Sawan then had a shot deflected for a corner. Alex Koltovski went into the referee's notebook for a foul on Catalano in front of the Richmond bench.

Altona took the lead in the twenty-fourth minute. A Richmond attack broke down in the middle of the park, and Altona moved the ball quickly to expose a gap on the right wing. Siljanovski received the ball back from a one-two and cut into the box, before slipping it past

Gal from ten yards.

Visevic tried to spark his side with a run through the middle, beating two men before being fouled. His free kick flew just over the crossbar. However an out of sorts and frustrated Richmond outfit were unable to match their more determined Magic counterparts. The bouyant home side comfortable managed to maintain their lead to the half-time break.

Michael Chatzitirifonos made a tactical change at the interval, withdrawing Visevic into a deeper role and adding Milos Lujic up front at the expense of Sawan. Within twenty seconds of the re-start this almost bore fruit, Lujic breaking down the right flank, cutting inside into the box and pulling the ball back for Krncevic who blasted a shot high over the bar.

A Pece Siveski free kick on the left saw Gal punch the ball out to Siljanovski, who shot high. Altona kept up the pressure, Matthew Theodore having a shot saved in the fifty-third minute, and then shooting off-target from thirty yards four minutes later. A foul on Antun Kovacic by Mifit Bojku led to some pushing and shoving which escalated into a melee, with both initial combatants being booked on the hour mark.

It was Catalano who sparked the Eagles into life, equalising the score in the sixty-seventh minute. he had cut in on the left, nut-megging a defender in the box before sending in a cross which was cleared as far as Steven Topalovic on the right. Topalovic swung the ball back into the box where Catalano angled his header down and beyond Tomich's dive to the right.

Lujic hit a tame shot at Tomich from a Catalano cross, before Erhan Karahan had a header saved from a corner kick as a resurgent Richmond upped the ante. Karahan found Krncevic, who turned sharply and had his shot saved, and Tomich was also called upon to stop a header from Lujic.

In the seventy-third minute Richmond took the lead. Topalovic switched the ball to Karahan on the left, his drive back to the middle being knocked down by Krncevic for Visevic to run onto. Visevic took the ball into the box and finished neatly, bringing up his sixth goal for the season.

The Magic were not yet done with, and went close when a corner was headed onto the crossbar from amongst the collection of players around the penalty spot. The rebound was headed twice off the line before the threat was averted. Play had opened up, and David Scullion found Visevic in the middle, who turned and unleashed a thrity yard drive which Tomich could only push away for a corner. A failure to clear the defensive line by Richmond was punished in the eighty-second minute. The intercerpted ball was switched to the right, before being relayed to Theordore at the edge of the box. Theordore made space before brilliantly curling a shot past Gal and inside the far post to draw Altona level.

Catalano's square ball to Krncevic allowed him a twenty-five yard strike which was only just wide in the eighty-fifth minute. With Richmond forced to defend some crosses, it was Visevic who turned defence into attack by picking out Lujic with a long ball through the middle

four minutes later. Lujic burst forward, drifting to the right before rounding Tomich and holding off a covering defender to steer the ball inside the post from an increasing angle to give Richmond a dramatic late winner.

It would prove to be a harsh introduction to coaching for Becvinovski, but Altona could take heart from an improved performance on recent efforts. They will next host league leaders Oakleigh Canons on Sunday. Richmond will look to carry on their momentum into the clash with Bentleigh Greens at Kevin Bartlett Reserve on Friday night.



Magic's Mifit Bojku is shadowed by Jesse Krncevic.
PHOTO BY DANIEL FLIS



Richmond's Michael Catalano is about to pounce after a melee in the goal square.
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Jurica Siljanovski slots in Magic's opening goal past an outstretched Stepjan Gal.
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NORTHCOTE CITY



2

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS



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Match Details:

Northcote City: C.Theodoridis-Petropoulos, A.Chiappetta, B.Norton (J.Voulgaris 70'), G.Papadopoulos (c), N.Curtis, T.Rixon, H.Kinigopoulos, H.D'Agostino, E.Souares (A.Jankovski 61'), N.Tzoulis, M.McGough (J.Kalifatidis 67')

Scorers: A.Chiappetta 81' 87'
Yellow cards: E.Souares 24'
H.D'Agostino 69' A.Jankovski 79' A.Chiappetta '88
Red cards: None

Melbourne Knights: A.Loncaric, B.Surey, A.Bran, D.Rocco (c), L.Cannell, J.Magdic, A.Zahra, T.Skara, J.Dubois, A.Colosimo (R.Filipovic 85'), G.Ajdini (J.Colosimo 73')

Scorers: None
Yellow cards: J.Dubois 14'
L.Cannell 32' T.Skara 90+'
Red cards: J.Dubois 16'

Man of the Match: A.Chiappetta

Venue: John Cain Memorial Park
Crowd: 500

Chiappetta Crushes Knights

By Tony Persoglia

Northcote City claimed their second victory at home with a crucial 2-0 victory against an unlucky Melbourne Knights, who on any other day – could have walked away from John Cain Memorial Park with all three points. The win sees the home team push two games clear of the relegation zone and on the cusp of a finals position, while the Knights are languishing third from bottom, with little reward for some enterprising football thus far this season.

In a bizarre opening sequence of events, Northcote were staring at a deficit with barely thirty seconds played, Kevin Docherty awarding a penalty to the Knights after indecision in the City defence resulted in a foul in the box. Liam Cannell stepped up to take the kick, and Theodoridis guessed correctly as he palmed the ball away after executing a copybook dive to his right. In truth, Cannell's strike sat at a perfect height for Theodoridis, but the save needed to be made, and concluded a fascinating opening exchange.

The Knights were not fazed by the penalty miss, settling into their rhythm quickly and dominating midfield as the hosts struggled to venture into their own third. Jean Dubois had an early sighter at goal from just outside the box, his powerful shot caught neatly by Theodoridis, who appeared destined for a busy afternoon as Anthony Colosimo and Anthony Bran sent speculative shots over the crossbar only minutes later.

The contest took an amazing turn of events as Dubois was shown a yellow for deliberate time wasting. Barely a minute later, he was adjudged to have illegally entered the field of play from the sidelines after sustaining an injury. Kevin Docherty rightly issued his second yellow card to Dubois as the Knights were relegated to ten men with more than 70 minutes left to play.

Again, despite the setback, Melbourne assumed total control, causing the City

defence no end of trouble, and a second penalty was awarded after George Papadopoulos fouled Cannell in the box on the half-hour. Keen to atone for his previous miss, he strode confidently to the mark, yet his powerful shot cannoned into the crossbar and back into the field of play. Two spot kicks - two misses: and Cannell was visibly distressed as he picked up a yellow card in the ensuing passage of play for committing a foul in one of Northcote City's few counter attacking forays.

Gazmend Ajdini should have put the visitors ahead in the 33rd minute, as he was put through on goal with only the keeper to beat. However his first touch was heavy, and Theodoridis did well to come off his line and close down space, smothering the eventual shot with ease. The Melbourne Knights throng gathered on the western side of the grandstand were undoubtedly bewildered at how the match was goalless at the interval, the Knights clearly in the ascendancy despite the numerical disadvantage.

However, Northcote began the second half more confidently, maintaining possession for longer periods in an attempt to expose the fitness of the ten-man Knights. Peter Tsolakis emptied his bench with 20 minutes to play, as City's fresher legs searched for a winner. Ultimately, it proved to be the set piece combination of Nick Tzoulis and Adriano Chiappetta which finally undid the Knights in the 81st minute. A well struck corner was met impressively by the towering defender whose rifled header left Antony Loncaric with little chance. The home fans finally got their goal.

Chiappetta confirmed the victory three minutes from time, when another Tzoulis corner troubled the Knights defence. The resulting goalmouth scramble left an unmarked Chiappetta licking his lips as he powered a drive from point blank range into the heart of the Knights goal. The excited defender celebrated with a shirtless run to his bench, marking a double for the first time in his VPL career.

Northcote City travel to Broadmeadows Valley Park next Saturday for a clash with



Nothcote keeper Chris Theodoridis-Petropoulos fists the ball clear of the danger posed by Liam Cannell.

PHOTO: JOHN PUNSHON

second placed Hume City, requiring an improved performance to challenge one of the competition front-runners. The Knights

host neighbours Green Gully, searching for a much-needed victory to match the level of play they displayed in the first half.



Knights' Josip Magdic is strethed in his effort to beat Nick Tzioulis

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Northcote's Brad Norton is brought down.

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Winning streaks at stake

By Gordon Bennett

Sunshine George Cross and Dandenong Thunder go in to this round 10 fixture full of confidence with both teams winning their past two encounters.

The Monday night clash at the Knights Stadium will be the first Monday night game for the Georgies in a the match that will attract a big crowd for the final game of the round.

Dandenong impressed against Green Gully last week with Joey Di Iorio playing a starring role for the Thunder. When the little fella fires he inspires the whole team. He will be a big threat to the Georgies with his skill out on the right flank. Sunshine did well to take all 3 points at Oakleigh last round in a performance that relied on never say die spirit.

If the home team can reproduce that type of energy again, they will be a hard side to beat.

The Georgies have looked a different team since they introduced youngster Andrew Nabbout and Evan Christodoulou. Both are full of running and can maintain it for the full 90 minutes.

It will be a special night for Sunshine George Cross goalkeeper Martin John who plays his 100th match for the team against Dandenong. Whether this will inspire his team-mates to another victory remains to be seen as Dandenong Thunder will be just as hungry to make it three in a row.

It should be an open and exciting match with both teams going all out for the 3 points.



The Georgies host the Dandenong Thunder tonight as both teams look to continue their winning run, and will hope Kyle Joryeff, Barry Devlin (centre) Trent Waterson are all on their game.

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	PT
Oakleigh Cannons	10	6	2	2	17	11	20
Hume City	10	7	1	2	22	16	19
Richmond	10	6	1	3	18	13	19
South Melbourne	10	4	3	3	17	14	15
Sunshine George Cros	9	4	2	3	11	12	14
Bentleigh Greens	9	4	2	3	11	13	14
Northcote City	10	4	1	5	15	11	13
Green Gully Cavaliers	10	3	1	6	12	14	10
Dandenong Thunder	9	3	1	5	6	15	10
Melbourne Knights	10	3	2	5	14	15	8
Altona Magic	10	1	4	5	10	14	7
Heidelberg Utd	9	1	4	4	15	20	4



VPL Round 11

N.T.C v Sunshine George Cross

Olympic Village
Wed 12 May KO 8:30PM

Richmond Eagles v Bentleigh Greens

Kevin Bartlett Reserve
Fri 14 May KO 8:30PM

Altona Magic v Oakleigh Cannons

Paisley Park
Sun 16 May KO 3:00PM

Hume City v Northcote City

Broadmeadows Valley Park
Sun 16 May KO 3:00PM

Melb Knights v Green Gully Cavaliers

Knights Stadium
Sun 16 May KO 4:00PM

South Melb v Sunshine George Cross

Bob Jane Stadium
Sun 16 May KO 5:00PM

Heidelberg Utd v Dandenong Thunder

Olympic Village
Sun 16 May KO 5:00PM



VPL Under 21s

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pt
South Melbourne	11	8	2	1	28	15	26	
Oakleigh Cannons	11	6	3	2	30	21	21	
Bentleigh Greens	10	6	0	4	20	16	18	
N.T.C	11	4	5	2	34	20	17	
Northcote City	11	5	2	4	29	23	17	
Richmond	11	5	2	4	23	18	17	
Green Gully Cavaliers	11	4	2	5	16	32	14	
Altona Magic	11	3	2	6	10	21	11	
Heidelberg Utd	9	4	1	4	14	14	10	
Sunshine George Cross	9	3	1	5	16	19	10	
Hume City	10	3	3	4	20	20	9	
Dandenong Thunder	9	1	3	5	11	24	6	
Melbourne Knights	10	1	2	7	10	18	2	

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Green Gully Cavaliers 2 Heidelberg Utd 1,

South Melbourne 7 Oakleigh Cannons 2,

Altona Magic 1 Richmond 0,

Northcote City 4 Melbourne Knights 2





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